The Mapleton Item.

VOL. XVI. MAPLETON DEPOT, PA., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1904. NO. 5

LOCAL NOTES.

—Oats for seed at O'Connors.

—*The Smart Set* magazine will entertain you.

—Shapiro Bros. have a new ad. in this issue. Read it.

—The Railroad school, Union township, closes to-day.

—Have you read that very interesting magazine, *The Smart Set*?

—J. T. Wright, of Dudley, recently visited friends in Smith valley.

—Real enjoyment is had when reading that clever magazine, *The Smart Set.*

—Frank Treaster and family, of Lewistown, spent Sunday with Mrs. Treaster's parents in Mapleton.

—Calvin Shore, of Clay township, is recovering from a paralytic stroke received nearly a year ago.

—Jesse DeForest, of Monongahela City, spent a short time with his friend, E. E. Niece, in Mapleton last week.

—Mrs. Mary J. Hooper, of Huntingdon, spent a few days of the past week with her daughter in Mapleton.

—W. F. Dunn, of Wilmerding, is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs Anderson Wagner, on Railroad street.

—Mrs. N. S. Mort, of Atkinson's Mills, Mifflin county, visited her daughter in Mapleton Monday and Tuesday.

—Mrs. Bruce Yocum and Miss Vera Montgomery have been enjoying the past week among friends in Cassville.

—Trout season came in last Friday but the cold weather prevented the local fishermen from enjoying the anticipated sport.

—F. E. Weaver has returned to his home in Clay township after a visit of several weeks among friends in Bellwood and Altoona.

—Clarence A. Coder who for the past ten months has been employed at Braddock last Wednesday returned to his home in Union township.

—New roofs are being placed on the dwellings of Miss Ettie Cutshall and Mrs. Martha Grady by F. C. Vaughan, Huntingdon's popular tinner and slater.

—Walter S. McCarl and wife, of Altoona, stopped Sunday with friends in Mapleton, being on their way home from a trip to Three Springs, Harrisburg and Philadelphia.

—W. D. Crownover, of Harrisburg, Saturday visited his sister, Mrs. S. S. Barnett, in Mapleton. Mrs. Barnett has been critically ill for some time and her condition is not improving.

—John R. McKelvey, for many years ticket agent of the East Broad Top Railcompany at Mount Union, on the 9th inst. resigned his position. He is succeeded by Lester McCracken, of Huntingdon.

—David Long is moving from Johnstown to Mill Creek this week. He has purchased a building lot from his father in the west end of Mapleton and will erect a dwelling on same the coming summer.

—Four boxes, containing samples of glass sand manufactured by the Pennsylvania Glass Sand Company at this place, were last week shipped to St. Louis to be placed among the Pennsylvania exhibits in the Mines and Metallurgy building at the world's fair.

—Just in, a car load of feed and grain. Corn and oats chop, $1.30; dairy feed, $1.30; buckeye wheat feed, $1.30; corn meal feed, $1.40; cracked corn, $1.40; corn, oats and barley feed, $1.45. Remember full 100 lbs. to the sack. Benj. O'Connor & Sons.

—This year the Pennsylvania railroad company will plant 100,000 trees in furtherance of its plan to grow its own cross ties at points convenient for use. Last year 60,000 locust trees were planted, 43,000 near Conewago and 17,000 at Newton Hamilton.

—A special meeting of Huntingdon Presbytery will be held at Mount Union next Tuesday at which time the churches of Mapleton and Newton Hamilton are cited to appear and show cause, if there be any, why dissolution of the pastoral relations should not take place.

—Three from the *Juniata Herald:* "Mrs. Sarah Stubbs, of Mapleton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Hikes, on Sixth street.* * * Miss Annie Campbell, of Union Furnace, spent several days this and last week as the guest of her schoolmate, Miss Margretta Jenkins, on North Main street.* * * John H. Puckey, of Orbisonia, spent Saturday last in Mifflintown looking after his interests in the injunction proceedings instituted by Mr. Russel to prevent the removal of iron ore from his land near Minertown.

—Harry Bailey yesterday moved his family into the middle portion of the Juniata House.

—A little plowing has been done in this section during the past week, but very few farmers have as yet sowed their oats.

—A. W. Taggart and wife departed last Saturday, he to transact business in Ohio. and Mrs. Taggart to visit at her former home in Scottdale.

—Heavy snow squalls yesterday and this morning and the thermometer registering twenty-seven degrees above zero this morning indicate that winter is loathe to surrender its grip to balmy spring.

—Willie, a little son of John Foster, had his right hand severely burned a few days ago by getting it in contact with a hot stove. The little fellow has suffered severely with the burned member but no permanent injury will result.

—It is rumored that the ticket offices of the Pennsylvania and East Broad Top railroads at Mount Union will be consolidated at the end of the present month and that the Postal telegraph office will be moved into the ticket office.

—H. W. Putt, of Huntingdon, who was an inmate of the Nason sanitarium at Roaring Spring a few weeks ago, where he had a cancer removed, on Sunday developed violent insanity and was lodged in the county jail for safe-keeping, his family fearing that he would take his life.

—Mrs. George W. Swope, son and daughter, of Langdondale, Bedford county, were guests of friends in Mapleton a couple days of last week and from here went to Trough Creek valley to visit friends. Miss Olive Dell, also of Langdondale, accompanied Mrs. Swope to Mapleton and from here went to Cass township where she expects to remain a few weeks with relatives.

—Sunday *Philadelphia Record:* An official denial was issued yesterday from the office of President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania railroad, of the story emanating from Cleveland that the Pennsylvania railroad had issued orders to stop all construction work on the lines west of Pittsburg. In the denial it is said: A dispatch emanating from Cleveland, stating that orders have been issued to stop all construction work on the lines of the company west of Pittsburg is absolutely untrue. But on the contrary, it is the purpose of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, on its lines both east and west of Pittsburg, to go on and complete all the improvements now under way. The necessary money was provided for this purpose over a month ago and action was taken by the various boards authorizing the necessary expenditures to push all this work, which is important to the operation of the company, through to completion during the present year.

—The Johnstown *Tribune* says that Select Councilman W. H. Haws, of that city, has secured options on two rich tracts of land in Huntingdon and Mifflin counties and expects to close the deals as soon as tests can be made and the legal papers in the transactions are received from the lawyers. The larger deal of the two is for 2,200 acres of coal, timber and fire clay lands in the Trough Creek valley, near Cook Station, on the East Broad Top railroad, in Huntingdon county. In the tract are three veins of coal, the lower one is said to be six feet thick and the two upper veins from three to three and a half feet thick, all so situated that they can be worked by drifts; in addition the land contains a fine quality of fire clay and forests of oak timber. The property is owned by an aged widow named Martin, who resides at Cook Station. The second tract optioned comprises 300 acres of ganister near Ryde, Mifflin county. It is also covered with good timber. This tract is the property of Mrs. Susannah Graham, of Mt. Union.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident is narrated by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in an awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed at Wright & Dell's store.

Marriage Licenses.

Frank Ginithan, Mt. Union, and Cora Keister, Clay township, Pa.

A. W. Goerner, Philadelphia, and Catharine E. Smith, Saxton, Pa.

W. C. Kistler, Alinda, Perry county, and Lottie May McCoy, Henderson township.

Elvy B. Thompson, Huntingdon, and Hannah G. Geckler, Porter township, Pa.

Hiram Lankard and Joanna Brenneman, both of Porter township, Pa.

G. Keefer Hood, Huntingdon, and Flora G. Stinson, Marklesburg.

Richard B. Wells and Cora B. Hunter, both of Huntingdon.

John A. Puckey and Florence D. Ripple, both of Orbisonia.

Blair M. Snyder, Shirley township, and Annie B. Gamble, Shade Gap, Pa.

Ambrose McMullen, Tell township, and Annie Krugh, Shirley township.

James Krugh, Shirley township, and Louisa McMullen, Cromwell township.

Oscar H. Irvin and Elsie D. Black, both of Huntingdon.

George F. Rupert and Gertrude Kurtz, both of Hnntingdon.

Otto J. Eberman and Mary Luella Maffet, both of Carbon township, Pa.

Hurr Rohrer, Petersburg, and Mary McClure, Logan township, Pa.

Michael G. Schucker and Dora Sheffield, both of Huntingdon.

John R. Houck and Elsie May Hess, both of Dudley, Pa.

Howard B. Bigelow and Alice M. Shugarts, both of McAlevys Fort, Pa.

Deeds Entered for Record.

Jacob Heffner et al. to Alex. Gahegan, property in Juniata township. Consideration $300.

Alice M. Emeigh and husband to John Nash, property in Spruce Creek township. Consideration $550.

Jacob Heffner and wife to Mary A. Heffner et al., property in Penn township. Consideration $200.

Elizabeth Meredith to John K. and Kirby A. Dick, property in Huntingdon. Consideration $4000.

Chalmers Snyder to James K. Snyder, Deed of Assignment. Consideration $1.00.

Ralph Stroup to O. B. Stroup, Deed of Assignment. Consideration $1.00.

Wm. B. Prim to S. B. Nevell, Deed of Assignment. Consideration $1.00.

Sadie M. Duvall to George Palmer, property in Mapleton. Consideration $970.

Mary E. French et al., administrator, to D. R. Baker, property in Tod township. Consideration $570.

Alexander W. Dunmire.

From Saturday's Altoona *Tribune:* Alexander Dunmire died yesterday morning at 5 o'clock at his residence in Juniata. He is survived by his wife and these children: F. N., W. S., Flora, Esther, Mary, Max, Helen, Mason and Emily. Also by his mother, Mrs. Sarah H. Dunmire, one brother, A. J. Dunmire, and four sisters, Annie T., Emily and Mrs. Mary C. W. Shipple, of Altoona, and Mrs. Rebecca E. Rex, of McVeytown. He was a machinist employed in the Juniata shops, was a member of lodge No. 270, Knights of Pythias of Lewistown, and of Chickalacamoose Tribe No. 364, Improved Order of Red Men. The body will be taken to Yeagertown Sunday morning for interment.

May Change Signals.

The operating officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad company have under consideration the plan for changing the colors of the semaphore blades on this system from red and green to yellow and black. For some time past the new system has been in use on the lines west of Pittsburg and Erie and it has given satisfaction.

A change in the color of the signal arms has been contemplated for a long time. It is contended that during the summer, owing to the grass being the same color as the semaphone arm, it often puzzles the engineer to distinguish the signals. Yellow and black are said to be easily discernable and from the investigation made by the signal officers these two colors are preferable to the ones now in use.

Makes a Clean Sweep.

There's nothing like doing a thing thoroughly. Of all the Slaves you ever heard of Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best. It sweeps away and cures Burns, Sores, Bruises, Cuts, Boils Ulcers, Skin Eruptions and Piles. It's only 25c, and guaranteed to give satisfaction by Wright & Dell.

KNIGHTSVILLE.

April snow squalls.

Three vacant houses in this place.

The farmers in this locality are plowing.

Clem and Bert Bowman are still afflicted with rheumatism.

Wm. McNerlin is making extensive improvements on the home place.

The Grange in this place is in the most flourishing condition of its history.

Albert Sollers and son erected a very fine wagon shed for Wm. McNerlin.

Wilson Drake, the well known auctioneer, moved some weeks ago to Saltillo.

Samuel Crotsley, of Altoona, recently spent a few days at the parental home.

Miss Esther Drake has been visiting friends at Eagle Foundry the past two weeks.

M. S. Bowman has broken ground for a new dwelling near the seat of the old Bellair tannery.

Geo. A. Park has left town and located in Smith valley, where "flowers yield the richest perfume."

Our school closed on the 8th inst. and was the most successful term in the history of the town.

Henry Taylor, Esq., of McConnellsburg, was in town a short time ago looking after some real estate.

Leonard K. Crotsley moved his family to Springfield last week to care for Mrs. Crotsley's father, Maurice Cutshall.

Milton Park, one of our popular merchants, has been spending a few days with the Saltillo telephone company, repairing the line.

Calvin Parks has left this place and settled on his farm in Smith valley, known as the Lynn farm. We are sorry to lose Cal. He was a fine neighbor.

Ephraim Black is making some improvements around his home—piping the water from Roaring run to his barn. S. S. and Frank Parks are boring the pipes.

Another deer crossed just below town on Thursday. This makes three deer that have been seen in daylight crossing from Jack's mountain to Broad Top in the last six weeks, all about the same place.

There seems to be a mania among the boys of Straw valley for carrying revolvers. Two young lads, who count themselves men, have drawn their revolvers on a certain party lately. We have this to say to those would-be men if they are known in the future to carry concealed weapons it will be worse than going for hard cider.

A. F. Wagoner, a former teacher of this county who has been employed with the Hall Lumber company in Clearfield and Jefferson counties for the past five years, was a welcome visitor to our village a few days ago. Frank left here on Monday the 11th for North Carolina where he expects to remain in the same business for a while.

On Sunday the 17th three young gentlemen from Saltillo took a buggy ride to our village with a colt with gears on for the first time. On their return in the lower end of town the colt took fright, made a lunge, broke the singletree, one shaft and freed itself of the buggy. The driver, holding on to the lines averted a run-off. The trio made repairs, hitched up and went on their way rejoicing, as no one was hurt.

Our supervisor has been repairing the roads to some extent, but there is yet plenty of room for further repairs. A great deal has been said pro and con about the road machine in some of the townships, but to our mind the solution to the problem is very simple. Three things are necessary, to wit: First, a supervisor that knows how a road should be. Second, six or eight horses hitched to it with not less than two drivers. Third, a muscular man on the machine, one that knows how to operate it and not afraid to put the plow in the ground, and go along often enough to put the ground in the road. If the above conditions are followed we will hear less condemnation of the road plow.

TODD.

S. L. Stapleton made a business trip to Saxton last week.

Isaac B. McNeal, of Tyrone, visited his parents at this place.

John Rickabaugh and wife, of Altoona, are visiting his parents and other relatives in the valley.

Bruce Swope is making some improvements to his house in the way of changing the windows, putting on siding, etc.

Irvin Ramsey has purchased a lot at Bagdad and has been digging at the foundation. He expects to build in the near future.

Miss Tressa J. Greenland, of Clay township, has returned home after spending some time at the home of her sister, Mrs. S. E. Rickabaugh.

We noticed no items in our paper last week. Was it on account of the cold snap that it froze them all out? If so, we hope it will soon moderate.

Dr. Johnson has contracted the cutting of his barn bill to George E. Brode. He expects to erect a barn where his barn was destroyed by fire some time ago.

E. K. Byers and wife were called to Marklesburg last Sunday a week ago to see their son, George, who was quite ill with pneumonia but we are glad to note that he is improving and we hope he will soon be able to be out again. Mrs. Byers is still with him.

Bagdad is undergoing quite a change in the way of improvements this spring of various kinds. Mrs. Sue K. Evans, James Pincher, T. M. Taylor, H. D. Taylor and Washington Reed are all pailing and fencing their lots. Rush Baker has erected a buggy shed on his lot.

CASSVILLE.

Miss Edna Crownover and Miss Verna Lynn were visitors in our town this week.

Lorraine Mierley left on Monday for Rockhill normal. He is a close student and will do well.

Rev. Fleck preached and held communion service in the Lutheran church on Sabbath morning.

C. B. Hissong has completed painting the store room of J. O. Heaton. All pronounce it a decided improvement.

Mrs. S. A. Heaton has fine strong tomato plants at least six inches high. We have never seen finer in any green house.

We are sorry to record the serious illness of James Black. His sufferings are intense, but all is being done for him that human aid can do.

The members of the M. P. church have organized a Sabbath school which will meet on Sunday afternoons. They have received a fine library and invite all Christian people to attend and help.

The literary society is gaining fresh laurels. They had a packed house on Friday night. The debate on the new railroad was of deep interest to all. The music, recitations and dialogues were all finely given.

A Great Sensation.

There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from Asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure." Similar cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c, and $1.00. Guaranteed by Wright & Dell. Trial bottles free.

—Engine 2135, H-6-A., 804 crew, Huntingdon, Jack Helfright engineer, L. A. Morningstar, conductor, with forty-eight cars at Harrisburg and thirty more at Marysville, made the run on Sunday last to Huntingdon in three hours and twenty minutes. This beats the record of 291 crew given in a recent issue.—*News.*

A Thoughtful Man.

M. M. Austin of Winchester, Ind., knew what to do in the hour of need. His wife had such an unsual case of stomach and liver trouble, physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 25c, at Wright & Dell's store.

MARRIED

IRWIN—BLACK—At the bride's residence in Huntingdon, April 12, 1904, by Rev. J. H. Black, D. D., Oscar H. Irwin and Miss Elsie D. Black, both of Huntingdon.

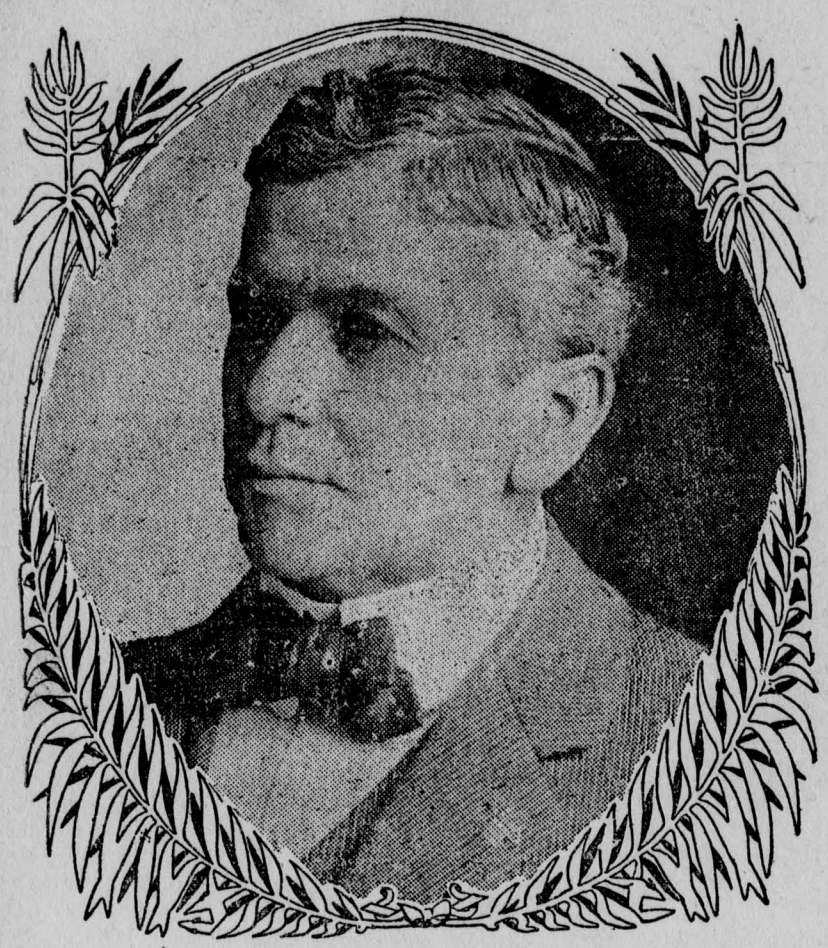
PUCKEY—RIPPLE—At Harrisburg, April 12, 1904, by Rev. Leroy F. Baker, Dr. J. A. Puckey and Miss Florence Ripple, both of Orbisonia.

M'MULLEN—KRUGH—At Huntingdon, April 11, 1904, by Rev. Father Keenoy, Ambrose McMullen, of Shade Gap, and Miss Annie Krugh, of Blacklog valley.

KRUGH—M'MULLEN—At Huntingdon, April 12, 1904, by Rev. Father Keenoy, James Krugh, of Blacklog valley, and Miss Louisa McMullen, of Shade Gap.

A MICHIGAN MAYOR SAYS:

"I Know Peruna is a Fine Tonic For a Worn Out System."



Hon. Nelson Rice, of St. Joseph, Mich., knows of a large number of grateful patients in his county who have been cured by Peruna.

Hon. Nelson Rice, Mayor of St. Joseph, Michigan, writes:
The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio:

Gentlemen: "I wish to congratulate you on the success of your efforts to win the confidence of the public in need of a reliable medicine. ***I know Peruna is a fine tonic for a worn out system and a specific in cases of catarrhal difficulties. You have a large number of grateful patients in this country who have used Peruna and have been cured by it, and who praise it above all other medicines. Peruna has my heartiest good wishes."---Nelson Rice.***

MARCH, APRIL, MAY.

Weak Nerves, Poor Digestion, Impure Blood, Depressed Spirits.

Gentlemen: "I wish to congratulate you on the success of your efforts to win the confidence of the public in need of a reliable medicine.

The sun has just crossed the equator on its yearly trip north. The real equator is shifted toward the north nearly eighteen miles every day. With the return of the sun comes the bodily ills peculiar to spring. With one person the nerves are weak; another person, digestion poor; with others the blood is out of order; and still others have depressed spirits and tired feeling.

All these things are especially true of those who have been suffering with catarrh in any form or la grippe. A course of Peruna is sure to correct all these conditions. It is an ideal spring medicine. Peruna does not irritate—it invigorates. It does not temporarily stimulate — it strengthens. It equalizes the circulation of the blood, tranquilizes the nervous system and regulates the bodily functions. Peruna, unlike so many spring medicines is not simply a physic or stimulant or nervine. It is a natural tonic and invigorator.

If you do not receive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Artist Leaves Fortune to Artists.

Heinrich Vogel, a well-known German portrait painter, who, however, has not done any work for three decades, has left his whole property, valued at $250,000, for the founding of a charitable institution for artists.

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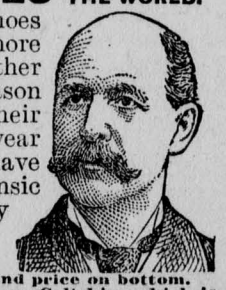

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25 CTS. PISO'S CURE FOR CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists. CONSUMPTION 25 CTS.

Rather Grewsome Reminder.

Dr. August F. Reinhold, of San Francisco, died recently. His widow has had his bones cleaned and articulated, and will keep them in her private apartments, where she and her infant son can see them constantly.

The tolls of the Suez Canal in 1902 were $21,800,000. NY17

FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. $2 trial bottle and treatise free Dr. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa

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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation

Happy is the girl who thinks her father is the best man on earth.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle

It's always difficult to make a tool of a sharp man.

If you want to know how to raise calves cheaply and successfully without milk write to J. W. Barwell, Waukegan, Illinois.

Any married man can have his own way about the house by agreeing with his wife.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

A woman desirous of being seen by men is not trustworthy. Fear her glance.

Hoxsie's Croup Cure,

The life saver of children. 50 cents.

A woman who never thinks of anything but dress is more ornamental than useful.

Old Sofas, Backs of Chairs, etc., can be dyed with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES.

Many a girl shatters her ideal when she marries him.

DYNAMITE WRECKS CHURCH

Twenty-three Persons Hurt in Panic at Blackburn, Ind.

CONGREGATION TRAMPLED UPON

Explosive Placed Under Front Part of Church of Evening Light Lifts Edifice From Its Foundation—Crowd Inside Surges About Door, Which Cannot Be Opened, and Dashes Through Windows

Indianapolis, Ind.—Twenty-three persons were hurt in a panic in the Church of the Evening Light at Blackburn, a small mining town in Pike County. The panic resulted from an attempt to blow up the church while a religious meeting was going on and it was well filled with worshipers, many of them being women and children.

Shortly after the services began there was a loud explosion under the building and the stove and several seats were turned over and the windows were shattered. The building rocked on its foundation, and the front end was partly torn out. There was a mad rush for the door. The noise of the explosion was heard for a long distance.

There was fire in the stove, and when it turned over the building was threatened with destruction. The explosion had caused the front end of the building to settle and the door could not be opened. Men tugged at it and the crowd in the rear pressed harder and harder. Finding that the door would not yield the people dashed through the windows.

People were pushed down and trampled upon in the rush, and two little girls were nearly killed, but were rescued by one of the men, who stood over them and knocked right and left with his fists and thus divided the crowd in its rush to the windows.

When the excitement had subsided it was found that many of the congregation had received injuries, ranging from broken limbs to serious cuts from glass by jumping through the windows.

An investigation showed that the explosive was placed under the front of the church by removing a part of the brick foundation. The charge was heavy and tore a hole in the ground under the church and lifted the front end of the structure from its foundation.

The Evening Lights are a denomination that believe in living obscure lives. They eat only the coarsest food and shun jewelry and all luxuries of life, believing that to indulge in them is a sin. They take the Bible in its literal meaning and have no ritual in their church. They came to Pike County several years ago from Kentucky. Two young men started a church at Otwell and built up a large congregation. Every man in the church is a leader and both men and women are supposed to take an active part in all services.

EMBRACED HIM WHILE FIRING.

Man Shoots Wife in Back, Then Blows Out His Own Brains.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Frederick Scaife, thirty-two years old, committed suicide after shooting his wife Mary. She will recover.

Mrs. Scaife said she knew of no reason for her husband's crime unless it was his groundless jealousy. The woman saved her life by her presence of mind. When her husband drew his revolver she threw her arms about him. Scaife discharged the weapon, a bullet entering his wife's back.

She fell, and thinking he had killed her, he turned the weapon upon himself and blew his brains out. The couple have three young children and the shooting occurred in their presence.

DIVORCES NOT RECOGNIZED.

Court Decision Invalidates Many Decrees Granted to Residents of Iowa.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Justice Weaver, of the Supreme Court, in a decision does not recognize the divorces granted to Iowans in Dakota. In the case of Beeman versus Beeman it is held that the husband must pay to his wife one-third of his fortune, amassed since the decree of divorce was granted. Mrs. Beeman will receive about $30,000.

The case is of unusual interest, for the reason that such a decision invalidates many divorces granted Iowans. Under it residence in either of the Dakotas for the statutory period is not satisfactory evidence of a bona fide change of residence.

TEXAS THE CHAMPION.

Wrests the Title For Quick Firing and Accurate Firing From the Wisconsin.

Pensacola, Fla.—The Texas wrested the world's championship from the Wisconsin for quick and accurate firing. She concluded her target record, and with her twelve-inch pieces scored in one string of shots eleven hits out of twelve shots in ten minutes. In the other turret a record of ten hits in eleven shots was made, which is a better record than that of the Wisconsin. The general average exceeds that of the Wisconsin by about two per cent.

Four Years For Boodler.

Thomas F. McGarry, a prominent attorney, of Allegan, Mich., who was convicted of bribing former City Attorney Lant K. Salsbury, and turning over to him the boodle fund in the Lake Michigan water deal, was sentenced to four years in the State Reformatory at Ionia.

RICH MAN MURDERS WIFE

Mad From Drink He Shoots Her and Then Defies Sheriff.

Tragedy in a Prominent Family of Clarke County, Va.—Murderer Threatens to Commit Suicide.

Winchester, Va.—Raving in the jail in Berryville, but keenly conscious of the fact he had murdered his wife without the slightest provocation, Joseph H. Copenhaver is being closely watched in the fear he may attempt suicide. After shooting her in the back in a drunken rage he had barricaded himself in his home and, armed with rifles and revolvers, defied a sheriff and posse for hours.

Mr. Copenhaver is wealthy, and one of the most prominent citizens of Clarke County, and always has been considered kindly disposed. He gave to charity and was first in any little public movement where his services were needed in a good cause.

The tragedy took place at the handsome Copenhaver home, five miles from here, and followed a prolonged debauch.

Several weeks ago the man began to drink heavily and, despite his wife's protests, kept it up day and night, stopping only to sleep. His sister Mary, who is living there, also tried in vain to dissuade him from excesses that amazed and shocked his neighbors.

One morning he awoke late and swore at his wife for not having breakfast ready, when it had been waiting for an hour. After eating and drinking and getting uglier every minute, he became so dangerous his wife went into the yard, believing he would be all right soon. Picking up one of the handsome revolvers he kept for burglars, he followed stealthily, and shot her in the back. Miss Copenhaver and a hired man saw the deed. The hired man fled, but she tenderly carried her sister-in-law into the house and did what she could, but death followed in a few minutes.

Copenhaver, who had assisted in trying to restore his wife, then went to his room, taking revolvers and repeating rifles with him. He barricaded the door and threatened to kill any one who approached it—except his sister. He refused to fire at his sister. Sheriff Smallwood and Sergeant Taylor surrounded the house with their men, but dared not approach it. Miss Copenhaver pleaded with her brother to come out, but he refused. He would stay there, he said, as long as the whisky and ammunition lasted. Finally, after six or eight hours of this, the man was overcome by drink and fell asleep, when he was easily taken.

When taken to jail the man seemed to grow mad with remorse, and said he would kill himself, as his wife had always been good to him and he did not know why he killed her.

POLICE SHOOT BLUEJACKETS.

Sailors From Warships Attack Pensacola Police.

Pensacola, Fla.—In a riot here between the police on the one hand and blue jackets from the warships and a few artillery men from Fort Barancas on the other, Private Banks, of the Seventh Company of artillery, was instantly killed and four bluejackets from the Iowa and Alabama were wounded, though not seriously.

The riot started over the arrest of a bluejacket. Three police officers were at the patrol call box when a petty officer from one of the ships blew a whistle. Fully 300 sailors gathered and rushed the policemen.

Two of the police officers backed away from the crowd, firing as fast as possible at the advancing bluejackets, who were hurling stones, bottles and other missiles at them. It was during this shooting that the artilleryman was killed.

Reinforcements from the police station arrived at this juncture and partly dispersed the bluejackets.

FIRE PANIC IN A HOSPITAL.

Patients Taken From St. Vincent's in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind.—With 124 patients in the institution, thirty-two of them utterly helpless and one of them on the operating table, a fire was discovered in St. Vincent's Hospital and rapidly spread through the wards. Heroic work on the part of the sisters and the police got all the invalids to a freight station in the rear, whence they were removed to other institutions as rapidly as possible.

Only one life was lost, that of Harriet Leahy, who jumped from a window on the fifth floor to the sidewalk.

Mrs. Danz Guilty of Murder.

Guilty of murder in the first degree was the verdict given against Mrs. Catharine Danz by the jury that had tried her for poisoning her husband at Philadelphia, Pa.

Bank President Arrested.

David Rothschild, former president of the failed Federal Bank, of New York City, was arrested on a charge of misappropriating $200,000 of the bank's funds.

Circus Man Killed.

Dead and terribly mangled, Newton Marks, a veteran circus and theatrical man, was found on the railroad at El Paso, Texas.

Big Bequest to Yale.

Yale University receives bequests in securities amounting to $100,000 by the will of Ann Sophia Farnam.

EXPLOSION ON MISSOURI

Five Officers and Over a Score of Seamen Killed on U. S. Battleship.

A TWELVE-INCH GUN BURSTS

Tragedy Occurred Off Pensacola, Fla., While the Crew Were at Target Practice—Gun Was Being Loaded When the Wind Blew the Hot Gases Against a Second Charge.

Pensacola, Fla.—By the explosion of 2000 pounds of powder in the after twelve-inch turret and the handling room of the battleship Missouri, Captain William S. Cowles, brother-in-law of President Roosevelt, commanding, twenty-nine men were instantly killed and five injured. Five of the dead were officers of the battleship.

The Missouri was on the target range with the Texas and Brooklyn at practice when a charge of powder in the twelve-inch port gun ignited from gases, exploded, and, dropping below, ignited four charges of powder in the handling room, all of which also exploded.

Only one man of the entire turret and handling crew survives.

But for the prompt action of Captain Cowles in flooding the handling room and magazine with water one of the magazines would probably have exploded and the ship would have been destroyed.

According to a report after the first pointer of the after twelve-inch piece had fired his string and the second pointer had fired the third shot of his string, the charge ignited.

The fourth shot was being loaded, and from all indications the first half of the charge had been, and the second section was being rammed home, when gases from the shot previously fired or portions of the cloth cover ignited the powder. The breech was open and a dull thud gave notice of something unusual.

No loud report was made, but flames were seen to leap from every portion of the turret. A few seconds later another explosion, somewhat more fierce, occurred.

This was in the handling room below where 1600 pounds of powder, or four charges ready to be hoisted above, had ignited.

In less than five seconds after the first explosion two streams of water were being played into the rooms, and when volunteers were called for every man of the ship responded, eager to go into the turrets and rescue the crew.

Captain Cowles gave his commands, and but for his presence of mind and that of the officers of the ship, the Missouri would probably have gone down. The second explosion occurred near one of the magazines, and so hot was the fire that the brasswork of the magazines was melted.

Smoke and the fumes of the burned powder made it almost impossible to enter either the turret or handling room, but officers and men, with handkerchiefs over their faces, made efforts to rescue the men inside.

The twenty-five men of the turret were found lying in a heap. They had started for the exit when the first explosion occurred and had just reached there when the more terrible explosion in the handling room occurred which burned and strangled them to death.

The bodies were hardly recognizable, the flash of fire having burned clothing from the bodies of the men, while their flesh hung from them in shreds. The faces were mutilated by the flames only. Only one man was breathing when the turret crew was rescued and he died a moment after he reached the deck. The dead are:

W. C. Davidson, lieutenant, in charge of the twelve-inch turret; E. A. Weichert, ensign, of the cruiser Cleveland, gun umpire; W. E. T. Neumann, midshipman; J. P. V. Gridley, lieutenant, United States Marine Corps; Thomas Ward, Jr., lieutenant; J. K. Pederson, division officer; W. Bougard, boatswain's mate, second class; J. Bloxaputlan, ordinary seaman; Charles Rice, coxswain; J. C. Hardy, seaman; K. J. Kivlin, apprentice, second class; J. Gadris, seaman; N. Scherbauth, ordinary seaman; J. F. Rolands, ordinary seaman; H. B. Franks, electrician, second class; J. P. Starr, coxswain; J. C. Nunn, ordinary seaman; N. Soder, seaman; C. E. Meyer, seaman; P. R. Castler, ordinary seaman; R. H. Allison, apprentice, second class; R. C. Tobin, ordinary seaman; J. J. Mulligan, ordinary seaman; J. W. Cole, landsman; A. Smith, ordnance sergeant; W. S. Shipman, gunner's mate, first class; J. P. J. Brown, private marine; J. F. Kennedy, chief gunner's mate; J. M. Roach, ordinary seaman.

200 TIBETANS KILLED.

Colonel Younghusband in a Fight in the Mountains at Red Idol Gorge.

London, Eng.—A dispatch from Gyangtse, Tibet, dated April 11, reports that further fighting in the course of the march of the Younghusband expedition occurred on April 8 at Red Idol Gorge, where precipitous mountains hem the winding river.

The Tibetan guns on the crests were silenced by the British, and the Thirty-second Pioneers forced the passage. The Tibetans lost 200 killed. The British had ten wounded and none killed.

Apostolic Prefecture in Japan.

It is reported in Rome that the Pope has instituted an apostolic prefecture on Shakoku Island, Japan. It will be the abode of the Dominican monks expelled from the Philippines.

Eat More Fruit.

Hygienists all agree in telling us that we do not eat sufficient fruit, which is infinitely more productive of health and beauty than candy and pastry.

Ripe apples are especially healthy, and children may eat them without danger. It is claimed that an apple eaten at bedtime produces sleep.

Pears are more tasty than apples, but not so healthy unless cooked. Prunes have medicinal qualities which cannot be denied, says the Chicago News. Apricots are also more healthy cooked than raw. Peaches are very healthy. The most healthy of all fruit, however, is grapes. Gooseberries and currants are best cooked.

Figs are also excellent; they were in great favor with ancient Roman ladies, who always ate them for breakfast. Pineapples are said to be the best relief for dyspepsia yet known. Oranges are also excellent for some people. Lemons produce cheerfulness and prolong life.

Fish Story of a Cod and a Medal.

A remarkable codfish story is reported from Northumberland. A codfish caught at the mouth of the Wansbeck had in its stomach a gold disk engraved with the name "William Drysdale Dudley."

The disk is now in the possession of a Blyth gentleman, but it has been claimed by Mr. William Drysdale, of Gosforth, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, who tells an astonishing tale.

He has, he says, the centre part of a medal that was won by his father at Dudley poultry show nearly thirty years ago. Mr. Drysdale, Jr., lost the disk while on a visit to Ashington, Northumberland, ten years ago. His theory is that the centre was carried out to sea with refuse and swallowed by the fish.—London Express.

Horses Learn.

"The man who does not think that horses have good, hard sense simply does not study them," remarked a well-known liveryman to a Post man, says the Washington Post. "I believe they are the most peculiar as well as the best natured of all animals. I have dealt in and handled horses for many years, and the more I see of them the more I am impressed with their intelligence. Sometimes their intelligence surpasses anything one would expect from a dumb animal and would scarcely be believed by one not acquainted with their habits and mental—I suppose mental is proper—capacity."

A Stern Necessity.

A small girl in a Harlem apartment was observed by a friend of the family eating a certain cereal preparation. She seemed to eat sadly. "Don't you like that, my dear?" inquired the friend. "Not partic'ly," replied the little maid. "Why do you eat it, then?" The daughter of the house paused with spoon on edge of bowl. "It's got to be eaten," she answered, gravely. "The grocery man gives mamma a rag doll for every two packages she buys, and it's got to be eaten every morning." And she continued to eat the cereal.

A New Asphalt Deposit.

British authorities have been investigating a deposit of asphalt rock on the island of Bahrein, in the Red Sea. Laboratory tests as to its quality for paving purposes have proven satisfactory, showing that the material can be diluted up to seventy-five per cent. with limestone. The asphalt is, however, deemed to be too low in grade to be profitably exported to European markets, but it is thought that it could be sold in India at a price which would make its shipment there practical.

WOMEN BREAK DOWN.

Sometimes women drift into a condition of "half invalid." Continual languor—all tired out, run down, backache, nerves shattered, headache, terrible pain, no appetite, poor digestion. In nine cases out of ten it's because the kidneys fail to do their work of filtering the poisonous system waste from the blood. The kidneys are weak and need the strengthening help of Doan's Kidney Pills. Read how these pills repair a weakened physical condition when this condition is caused by sick kidneys.

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A LONG WAR IN SIGHT

Russia Massing Half a Million Soldiers to Fight Japan.

SHE AIMS A CRUSHING BLOW

War Scheme of Vast Extent Being Planned—Armies and Fleets to Move Together With the Idea of Overwhelming the Foe With One Defeat — One Difficulty Removed.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—Exceptionally reliable information regarding the Russian military plans confirms the repeated announcements that these plans will not mature until late in the summer. They are of far greater magnitude than is generally believed abroad, and take into account all possible contingencies.

General Kuropatkin, remembering the experience of Russia, during her war with Turkey, when the Russian army of 30,000 placed in the field at the beginning had to be more than doubled, has insisted that the men and guns to be placed at his disposal shall cover the extreme limit required to settle the fate of the campaign.

The Russian plans are predicated upon Napoleon's dictum that "God fights on the side of the heaviest battalions," and they are being worked out and timed so as to apply to a superiority of numbers on land and sea simultaneously. The army is designed to attain the enormous total of half a million at the time scheduled for the reinforcement of Vice-Admiral Makaroff's fleet with the Baltic squadron.

The Seventeenth and Tenth Army corps, now drafting, are expected to reach Manchuria by the middle of June. The mobilization of four other corps, at least two of which will be from the Volga, will be announced by the middle of next month, and will start westward a month later, reaching their destination at the end of August.

Rear-Admiral Rojestvensky will hoist his flag as commander of the formidable Baltic squadron early in July and will sail immediately for Port Arthur with the following vessels: The battleships Slava, Borodino, Orel, Kniaz Souvaroff, Alexander III. and Osliabia, the latter now being en route here from Cherbourg; the cruisers Aurora, Dmitri Donskoi, Svietland, Almaz, Jemtchug and Izumrud, and the transports Kamtschatka and Ocean, each carrying 1000 tons of coal. The Temperley conveyers ordered in the United States are expected soon, and they will enable the squadron to coal at sea.

The last possible difficulty regarding the passage of the Suez Canal disappeared last week with the signing of the Anglo-French colonial treaty, by which Great Britain adheres to the convention of 1888 concerning the free passage of the canal.

AIMS CRUSHING BLOW.

Why Resistance is Not Made by Russians at the Yalu.

St. Petersburg.—A high military authority in conversation explains why General Kuropatkin's plan of campaign does not contemplate a heavy resistance to the Japanese advance at the Yalu, saying:

"Either defeat or victory in a battle there would be disadvantageous to us. If we lost we would have to fall back through a difficult country. If we won—and I say to you that Russian strategy is based on the idea of victory and not on that of defeat—success would be fruitless. We could not follow it up without exposing the army to too great risks.

"On account of the Japanese control of the sea if we pursued the enemy into the peninsula of Korea we would open both flanks to a possible attack from the rear. No: the Japanese must come on to a point in the interior, which with this end in view has been selected, where we can follow up a crushing defeat to the bitter end, with blow after blow and seal the fate of the campaign.

"Our plans on sea and land will converge at a time next summer when Vice-Admiral Makaroff's fleet will be relieved by the arrival of reinforcements. Then if successful on land we can clear the sea of the enemy, cut his communications and the Japanese in Korea and Manchuria will be at our mercy.

"The world must not be impatient. The prelude to this war is not yet finished."

It is understood here that as the result of General Kuropatkin's visit to Newchwang reinforcements of 100,000 men will be sent forward from Liao-Yang.

HEINZ FORCES ROUTED.

Carter Faction Triumphs in Montana State Convention.

Helena, Mont.—Delegates to the Chicago Republican National convention were selected here as follows: Congressman Joseph M. Dixon, ex-Senator Lee Mantle, James W. Freeman, ex-Senator Thomas H. Carter, Conrad Kohrs, John S. Edwards. All are members of the Carter—as distinguished from the Heinz ring.

Carter was selected as a delegate to the Chicago National convention by acclamation. The platform heartily endorses the administration of President Roosevelt, and the delegates are instructed to vote for his renomination.

REPUBLICANS IN SESSION

Empire State Convention Held in New York City.

The Delegates at Large to the National Convention Not Instructed But Directed to Work For Roosevelt.

New York City. — The Republican State Convention held in Carnegie Hall elected the following delegates at large and alternates to the Republican National Convention to be held in Chicago June 21:

Delegates at large: Thomas C. Platt, of Tioga; Chauncey M. Depew, of New York; Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., of Orange; Frank S. Black, of Rensselaer. Alternates at large: J. Sloat Fassett, of Chemung; Louis Stern, of New York; Erastus C. Knight, of Erie; Henry C. Brewster, of Monroe.

The convention did not instruct the delegates at large for President Roosevelt in the old fashioned manner of the Republican party since its organization fifty years ago. The convention platform sends the delegates at large to Chicago with this injunction, "we hereby direct that the delegates this day chosen use all honorable means to bring about his nomination for President at the National Convention to be held in June."

Long before the hour for assembling the delegates began to straggle in, and while waiting for the chairman to call the convention to order the band played lively airs.

The delegates were seated by counties, placards on tall sticks indicating the location of the different delegations. Albany and Schenectady counties had the front row centre, the best seats in the house. The Tioga delegation, with Senator Platt at the head, sat on the fourth row at the left. Senator Platt had the aisle seat and was easily distinguished.

The Broome delegation, including Colonel George W. Dunn, touched elbows with the men from Tioga. Governor Odell, who shared the honors of the convention with Senator Platt, was with the Orange County men, some distance back on the centre aisle.

The smallest delegation was from Yates County, with four members. The largest was from New York County, 186 members. The New York men occupied a block of seats in the extreme rear. The Kings County delegation had the section just in front of New York.

At the head of the New York delegation was Charles H. Murray, president of the County Committee. Mr. Murray's first lieutenant in the organization, William Halpin, executive chairman of the committee, sat at the head of the delegation from the Ninth Assembly District.

At the close of rollcall Chairman Dunn nominated for temporary Chairman Senator Depew. He was unanimously elected, and James S. Sherman, Oneida, and John W. Dwight, of Tompkins, were appointed to escort him to the chair.

As Senator Depew began to speak the delegates settled themselves to listen. The first burst of applause came as early in the address he mentioned the name of the late Marcus A. Hanna. A few minutes later a like tribute was paid to the name of the late Speaker Thomas B. Reed.

Senator Depew first mentioned the name of President Roosevelt in connection with that of the late President McKinley. Hearty applause greeted the linking of the names. From that time on every mention of President Roosevelt's name was greeted with enthusiastic cheers.

SPAIN'S PREMIER STABBED.

Anarchist Attacks Him, But He is Not Wounded Severely.

Barcelona, Spain. — Premier Maura was attacked and wounded by a would-be assassin, armed with a dagger, while leaving the palace of the Council General.

A semi-official report of the occurrence says the assailant held concealed a kitchen knife, with which he stabbed the Premier, but the force of the blow was broken and its direction diverted by the heavy lace on the Minister's coat. It resulted in only a slight scratch under the sixth rib.

A doctor attached to King Alfonso's suite examined the Premier and prescribed a few hours' rest. His Majesty sent a messenger to inquire concerning the attack and as to the Prime Minister's condition.

Joaquin Miguel Artao, the assailant, was employed as a domestic. He is an Anarchist, and when arrested attempted suicide by dashing his head against the wall.

According to another account the Premier coolly drew the knife from his clothing and threw it on a seat in his carriage, after which he entered the palace, walked up stairs and telephoned to Minister of the Interior Guerra at Madrid, saying: "I have been stabbed. Don't be alarmed. The wound is not serious."

Captain Hobson Beaten.

Captain Richard Pearson Hobson was not successful in his contest for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Sixth District, Birmingham, Ala. Congressman John Holis Bankhead has a majority over Captain Hobson of about 500 votes only.

Sight of Whipping Fatal.

Miss Bertha Montgomery died in the Southern Insane Asylum at Princeton, Ind. She lost her reason after witnessing the whipping of about thirty of her school children by the Superintendent of Schools, the Rev. Mr. Leslie, of Owensville, her home.

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Farm Help.

Why cannot the farmer to-day enter the labor market and bid successfully against others who are looking for help? writes Hon. J. T. Ailman, of the State Grange. The fact is, the most unskilled labor will leave the farm and go to public works, performing the meanest drudgery rather than follow the plow. It may be that some despise the plow, but that is not the main reason. A few days ago a young man who was reared on the farm but who is now working as a track hand on the railroad remarked that he much preferred the farm and hoped to get back to it, but at present he would work for the corporation because it paid better.

For doing the hard work of helping to keep a railroad track in repair in a lonely mountain pass he is getting $40.00 per month. His work requires muscle only. The modern farm needs more than that, yet no farm in this section could pay $40 per month or anywhere near it for muscle only.

The farm to-day needs intelligence and skill equal to that of the factory or counting room. Let no one smile until he has worked a season on a well equipped farm. The farmer can ill afford to hitch a team of high priced horses to a costly and complicated machine and then put a boor on the seat to drive. Yet he must do it and for some time past many have been glad to get the boor.

Few will contend that this is as it should be, nor must it continue to be so. When the farmer gets a full appreciation of the importance and dignity of his calling and a clear conception of what is his by right it will not be so. When justice is secured the farm will be able to pay as much for a man to feed and care for a valuable team and run a binder as the railroad can pay for an engineer to haul the products of the farm to market.

Requiem for Dead Fly.

There's some satisfaction these cold days, when the theremometer is crouching low and overdraughts are being made on the woodpile, to think of the flies that buzzed the summer hours away. We cannot forget the little tormentor that persisted in planting his sticky little feet on our eyelids when we had posed for a summer-day nap, or crawled in and sat on the drum of our ear to buzz his morning ditty. But while we do not and cannot forget, we can and do forgive—and why? Because his eyes are now closed in death. His little heart has ceased to palpitate. His lashes lie motionless on his pallid cheeks, and his little body, badly swollen but serene and perfectly composed, is motionless. His little soul is gone—alas! we know not where. Let us trust that it is better with him now than we hope it is. We can hardly hope that he has "gone on before." If he has, we may be excused by desiring to remain right here. And, by the way, why is it that a fly, so dingy and commonplace in life, is so gorgeously arrayed in the cold embrace of death? With alabaster abdomen encircled by bands of resplendent hue, he kneels a frozen corpse, and no warm chinook can ever thaw him out.

By-bye, by-bye, dear little fly.
It is so bad that you must die.
Alas! a tear stands in our eye—
We'll miss you from boil, stew and fry—
By-bye, ta ta; alas! by-bye.

—*Hood River Glacier.*

Mercantile Appraiser's List

The Venders of Foreign and Domestic Merchandise, Etc., in Huntingdon County, Will Take Notice that They are Appraised and Designated by the Undersigned Appraiser of Mercantile and Other License Taxes, for the Year 1904, as follows, to wit:

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Everts Mrs E M, Masseysburg, groceries
Gardner John A, Saulsburg, "
Gearhart Levi, Manor Hill, gen mdse
McMahon B F, Charter Oak, " "

Broad Top City Boro.

Broadtop City Supply Co, B Top City, gen mdse
Black A J, Broad Top City, gen mdse
Cutshall Silas, Broad Top City, gen mdse
Dell M T, " " " confectionery
Diggins L L & Elsie, Broad Top City, millinery
Houck S H, Broad Top City, confectionery
Leabhart S W, " " " groceries
Shapiro & Wender, Broad Top City, gen mdse
Miller J R, Broad Top City, gen mdse
Wilkins Jas B, " " " confectionery

Brady Twp.

Etiner John S, Mill Creek, gen mdse
Stonebraker W H, Mill Creek, gen mdse
Hicks J M, " " " "
Tate L C, " " groceries
Pelan Laura J, Airy Dale, groceries

Carbon Twp.

Eastern Supply Co, Robertsdale, gen mdse
McClain Jesse O, " " "
Morgan Fannie " confectionery

Cass Twp.

Parks A M, Saltillo, groceries
Steak A A, " confectionery
Stever Michael, Latta Grove, gen mdse

Cassville Boro.

Corbin Miss Annie M, milliner
Corbin H M, shoes
Green Geo M, flour and doors
Green Austin, collars
Houck J L, general merchandise
Heaton J O, " "
Snyder Wm, shoes

Coalmont Boro.

Ackard Thos E, confectionery
Hess Jacob, general merchandise
Hicks Geo A, " "
Krouse G W, confectionery
Thomson James, general merchandise
Wilson Thomas, groceries

Cromwell Twp.

Kyler Margaret E, Orbisonia, groceries
McManigal John M, Lodema, "
Price Mrs B F, Pogue, general merchandise

Dudley Boro.

Geier Mrs Caroline, confectionery
Henry H N, meats
Maher Wm, confectionery
Reed C D, general merchandise
Reese J C, meats
Sweet W H, general merchandise
Wilkins J A, general merchandise

Dublin Twp.

Clymans Harry S, Decorum, gen mdse
Miller S G, Shade Gap, buggies & sleds
Snyder Joseph H, Shade Gap, gen mdse
Taylor M C, Shade Gap, gen mdse
Wily J K, Neelyton, " "

Franklin Twp.

Archey F W, Penna Furnace, Implements
Bathurst L W, Graysville, tobacco
Gill G G, Ronald, groceries
Laird W E, Franklinville, gen mdse
Keatley Mrs Annie, Franklinville, gen mdse

Henderson Twp.

Enders Miles, Union Church, groceries
Long G W, Huntingdon "

Huntingdon Boro., First Ward.

Brunswick Hotel, cigars
Bolinger A A, groceries
Bare John S, lumber
Brown L R, cigars
Denny Alex, general merchandise
Dysart Samuel, groceries
Simpson John G, Implements
Snyder John W, coal
Snyder Lettitia S, groceries

Huntingdon Boro., Second Ward.

Africa Bros, hardware
Baty Art & Music Co, music
Black Mrs Kate E, milliner
Bloom R, shoes
Blair J C Co, stationery
Barrack Maud, groceries
Brown Philip Sons, furniture
Black T W, jewelry
Benkert & Sons, meats
Black & Co, drugs
Chaney S B, hardware
Chaney Mrs H M, milliner
Crownover H, general merchandise
Dick J K, paper
Decker Mrs E M, milliner
Doyle C E, confectionery
Friedly & Co, meats
Fisher G W, confectionary
Grimison Bros, "
Grove & Corcelius, groceries
Hazlett J C, shoes
Hazlett Wm, clothing
Haines A G, novelty
Herncane Bros, general merchandise
Isenberg J G & Son, clothing
Kennedy J F, cigars
Logan Bros, furniture
Leister John & Son, shoes
Leister H L, tobacco
Leister L R, cigars
Leister H W, drugs
Mayer Hugo, clothing
Miller Bros, tobacco
Miller W G, "
Norris L, harness
Port G Chal, meats
Rohm H C, chinaware
Reed Wm & Sons, dry goods
Read John & Sons, drugs
Stewart & Son, jewelry
Spooneyberger J E, sporting goods
Schaffer Henry, shoes
Spang Geo H, "
Smith S S, drugs
Stewart & Shaffer, clothing
Sanderson G W, general merchandise
Simunson Mrs E M, milliner
Steele H E, drugs
Starr J M, groceries
Shaw C E, candies
Smith L H, groceries
Wallace Bros, cigars
Westbrook J H & Son, shoes
White Miss Katherine, milliner
White & Strait, coal
Williams G S, shoes
Wilson W R, confectionery
Westbrook F, groceries
Yocum G W, novelty
Zerby L W, Jewelry
Zeigler Bros, cigars
Vaughn F C, tinner
Shaffer Bros, papers

Huntingdon Boro., Third Ward.

Bagshaw Mary J, milliner
Brenneman O C, confectionery
Barrack W H, meat
Brumbaugh O M, general merchandise
Bayer Margaret J, notions
Blank Isaac, notions
Curns C C, groceries
Croft Amanda, confectionery
Decker & Fouse, meats
Fink B F, hardware
Free John, tobacco
Foust John, coal
Genert M J, hardware
Gerlock H W, foundry
Gordon Charles C, tobacco
Johnson J H, general merchandise
Miller C H, hardware
McCarthy C R & W B, furniture
Miller W B, groceries
Port John A, meats
Acme Dept Store, general merchandise
Quinter David, coal
Opera House Drug Store, drugs
Swartz Mac, metals
Stouffer & Brenneman, flour & feed
Warfel Nelson, confectionery
Westbrook J L, "
Walton V B, groceries
Yoder J B, general merchandise
Juniata Planing Mill Co, lumber
Isenberg Milling Co, coal, lumber & tile

Huntingdon Boro., Fourth Ward.

Clements S J, confectionery
Ergler Florian, groceries
Houck David, confectionery
Hicks Bros, meats
Hall Harry, groceries
Coffman David, "
Long D R, groceries
Robb M Ray, meats
Taylor S B & Co, groceries
Wright J Oliver, "
Milliken W R, coal,
Nophsker J S, general merchandise

Hopewell Twp.

Brumbaugh I N, Foxton, confectionery
Brumbaugh Mrs M E, Shy Beaver, gen mdse
Dorman John, " " "
Smith Mrs Annie, Saxton, groceries
Hess Chas R, Shy Beaver, gen mdse

Jackson Twp.

Crownover Minnie, McAlevys Fort, milliner
Cummins W M, " " gen mdse
Harper Libbie B, " " milliner
Gallowy J D, " " shoes & confec
Harper A W, " " leather
Mitchel Geo W, " " gen mdse
Whipple Mrs Sue, " " cigars
Wilson T P, Ennisville, general merchandise
Straut W H, Greenwood Furnace, gen mdse

Lincoln Twp.

Shultz D F, Entriken, general merchandise
Hess John, " " "

Logan Twp.

Shipton Mary P, Ribot, groceries

Marklesburg Boro.

Brumbaugh I G, James Creek, gen mdse
Fouse B G, " " " "
Garner A B, " " groceries
Spang W E, " " "

Mapleton Boro.

Baker L F, cigars
Clark C H, general merchandise
Gillam John G, general merchandise
McCarl R N, shoes & groceries
Neice M L, feed
O'Connor Benj & Sons, general merchandise
Stombaugh J W, confectionery
Swope H H, coal
Wallet Frank, general merchandise
Wright Alice, confectionery
Wright & Dell, general merchandise

Miller Twp.

Blair James, Cornpropsts Mills, gen mdse

Morris Twp.

Merriman J, Water Street, groceries
Waite T C, " " gen mdse

Mount Union Boro.

Adams T H, general merchandise
Appleby T A, " "
Bennett Mrs H, shoes
Barkley A J, general merchandise
Both Frank, harness
Brumbaugh M E, harness
Cohen B, clothing
Crum C B, general merchandise
Davis & Bros, confections & notions
Ewing W G, general merchandise
Fields E Clark, meats
Hunter W A, drugs
Harrison H W & Bro, hardware
Hunter Mrs Nettie, milliner
Horting F O, jewelry
Longacre R M, general merchandise
Love Maggie, confectionery
Lukens Geo W, "
Maxwell H Wilson, hardware
Neely & Minnick, drugs
McClain D E, furniture
Nevel James M, cigars
Postlethwaite H, coal
Patterson Miss N D, milliner
Peterson Bros, meats
Rinker B F & Co, meats
Ripple John, confectionery
Rhodes E M, drugs
Rummel David, flour and feed
Seibert A B, confectionery
Shapiro Bros, general merchandise
Smelker H S, " "
Thompson G W, confectionery
Thompson C B, "
Vaughn M, cigars
Vulcan Trading Co, general merchandise
Welch D G & Bro, clothing
Welch A S, hardware
Wharton Geo D, cigars
Weams Mrs R, confectionery
Whitsel A L, "
Wharton B C, general merchandise
Wharton D S, jewelry
Yeagle Samuel, confectionery

Oneida Twp.

Foster J H, Donation, general merchandise
Hearn A B, Gorsuch, groceries
McElwain G L, Gorsuch, general merchandise

Orbisonia Boro.

Ashman John K, cigars
Cummins F F, general merchandise
Conn Bros, " "
Burns Mrs Mary, milliner
Boyles Mrs D M, "
Brandt Mollie, "
Enyeart D R P, hardware
Heck E O, general merchandise
Houck & Chilcoat, furniture
Hebzel S F, harness
Hicks Geo W, confectionery
James G W C, drugs
Myers L J, hardware
Moore S C, meats
Nevill S B, cigars
Ott Wesley, confectionery
Ott Mrs Lillie M, milliner
Rowe J J, meats
Shapiro Bros, general merchandise
Shaffner H V, cigars
Weller M A, confectionery
Workman Isaac, general merchandise

Porter Twp.

McElroy Mrs R M, Barree Forge, groceries

Penn Twp.

Auman Jacob, Aitch, groceries
Beaver S H, " "
Davis H H, Grafton, general merchandise
Grove G C, " " "
Keith Jeremiah, Aitch, general merchandise

Petersburg Boro.

Bruner O F, shoes
Davis J W, meats
Hoffman & Thompson, general merchandise
Heffner Bros, general merchandise
Metz W J, cigars
McCafferty C F, confectionery
Monbeck Jno M, "
Porter Wm A, general merchandise
Sewart F L, " "
Steel Edward " "
Swope E M, hardware
Striker S L, general merchandise
Wilson Anna M, milliner
Young J Elmer, general merchandise

Rockhill Boro.

Campbell Wm, jewelry
Chilcoat B F, general merchandise
Pucky & Co, tile

Spruce Creek Twp.

Graffius Clara, general merchandise
Haslett A M, confectionery
Law John H, general merchandise
Miller B R, confectionery
Stevens O W, coal
Thompson S C, general merchandise

Shirleysburg Boro.

Brewster W H, general merchandise
Barton B C, coal
Harris Ellie M, cigars
Lightner W H, general merchandise
Miller G W, " "
Miller W S, hardware
Riffle B W, general merchandise
Myers Leslie J, hardware and implements

Shade Gap Boro.

Montgomery S C, general merchandise
Swan J H, " "
Zeigler H C, tinware

Saltillo Boro.

Crum C B, general merchandise
Brodbeck G W, groceries
Greenland M S, furniture
Heeter Geo A, confectionery
Kimmel S W, hardware
McClain D E, "
Weaver H T, general merchandise

Springfield Twp.

Brewster J C, Meadow Gap, general merchandise
Cutshall Selea, Selea, groceries
Locke Harrison, " general merchandise
Locke H R, Maddensville, general merchandise
Reihart J S, " " "
Curfman Geo A, Meadow Gap, groceries

Shirley Twp.

Baird Mary C, Cora, groceries
Zeigler John, Aughwick Mills, gen mdse

Smithfield Twp.

Black J G & Co, Huntingdon, gen mdse

Three Springs Boro.

Bence B T, furniture
Cohick John, coal
Doyle D G, confectionery
Hockenbery G M, general merchandise
Park Clay " "
Starr C E, feed and fertilizer
Stevens B F, hardware
Stevens E B, confectionery
Wilson H E, general merchandise

Tod Twp.

Griffith Amos, Eagle Foundry, groceries
Green Chas L, Trough Creek, gen mdse
Taylor Chas E, Todd, general merchandise

Tell Twp.

Blair J M & Co, Blairs Mills, general merchandise
Goshorn T B, McNeal, general merchandise
Johns J A, Blairs Mills, " "
Love D H, Shade Valley
McMath J S, Blairs Mills, cigars
Parsons Wm Mc, McNeal, groceries
Scott A W, Nossville, general merchandise
Wolfgang Banks, Blairs Mills, furniture

Union Twp.

Shaffer J C, Calvin, general merchandise
Wright W P, Calvin, groceries

Warriorsmark Twp.

Chronister Martin M, Warriorsmark, gen mdse
Cox Geo B, " confect'n'y
Dent Chas R, " gen mdse
Lehman J R, " " "
Mattern F K, " " "
Nearhoof B F, " groceries
Warriorsmark Foundry & Supply Co, Warriorsmark, gen mdse
Wilson Wm, Birmingham, groceries

Walker Twp.

Bupp I Y, McConnellstown, confectionery
Heffner Baker, " meats
Heffner J B, " coal
Householder J F N, McConnellstown, tobacco
Lang C W, McConnellstown, meats
Loyd J W, " gen mdse
Peightal W M, " " "

West Twp.

Croyle S E, Neffs Mills, general merchandise
Eberts John & Son, Cottage, general merchandise
Ewing O L, Neffs Mills, groceries
Henry J Thompson, Cottage, gen mdse

WHOLESALE.

Bayer-Beaver Co, Huntingdon 1st ward, groceries
Grimison Bros, " 2nd " confec
Stewart & Co, " " " lumber
Rohm H C, Huntingdon 2nd ward, queensware
Acme Dept Store, " 3rd ward, gen mdse
Miller C H, " " " hardware

Smithfield Twp.

Snyder John W, Huntingdon, cold storage
Atlantic Refining Co, " oil

EATING HOUSES.

Doyle C E, Huntingdon 2nd ward
Fisher Geo W, " " "
Lightner W E, " " "
Wilson W R, " " "
Brenneman O C, Huntingdon 3rd ward
Warfel Nelson, " " "
Thompson G W, Mt Union Boro

POOL AND BILLIARDS.

Miller W G, Huntingdon 2nd ward, 2 tables
Corbin H U G, " " " 3 tables
Thompson C B, Mt Union Borough, 2 tables

TAKE NOTICE—All who are concerned in this appraisement, that an appeal will be held at the Court House in Huntingdon, on the 6th day of April, A. D., 1904, when and where you may appeal from said rating if you think proper.

SAMUEL WHITSEL,
Mercantile Appraiser.

Huntingdon, Pa., March 26, 1904.

No Place to Go.

"Great Scott, Maria! You're not going to begin housecleaning now, are you?"

"Of course. Why not?"

"Why, they've closed up my club for repairs. I'll have to walk the streets."

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LEATHER AND RUBBER FOOTWEAR.

The stock was bought from the largest manufacturers and jobbers in the country. Bought for net spot cash, and we will promise you the best value for your money.

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If you need a

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get our prices before you buy. Sure to save you money.

Fodder Twine, Shingles, Tar Roofing, Lime, in fact we have the largest variety of goods in town.

If we should not have what you want, will try to get it for you. LOWEST PRICES.

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Mapleton Depot, Pa., Sep. 30, 1903.

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Deposits received subject to check. Collections made in all parts of the world, and a regular banking business transacted. Accounts with corporations, firms, individuals, and the business public generally, opened on most favorable terms. B13z.

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Mapleton Depot, Pa., April 20, 1904.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 29, 1903.

	D'ly. P.M.	D'ly. Night	D'ly. A.M.	D ly. A.M.	D'ly. A. M	D'ly ex.S. P.M.
New York:						
W. 23d St. Sta.	7 55	12 10	. . .	. . .	8 55	5 55
Desb's St. Sta.	8 00	12 15	. . .	. . .	9 00	6 00
Cort'dtSt. Sta.	8 00	12 15	. . .	. . .	9 00	6 00
Philadelphia	11 40	4 25	7 10	11 40	11 40	5 30
Washington	10 40	. . .	7 50	. . .	10 50	5 40
Baltimore	11 55	4 44	8 52	. . .	12 00	7 00

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Harrisburg	2 50	8 00	11 48	. .	3 10	5 20	11 35	
Rockville	. . .	8 12	11 59	.	. .	5 32	10 46	
Marysville	f3 04	8 17	12 03	. .	. .	5 37	10 49	
Duncannon	f3 18	8 35	12 16	. .	3 35	5 54	11 03	
Newport	f3 40	9 05	12 37	. .	3 55	6 22	11 25	
Millerst'wn	. .	9 14	f12 45	. .	. .	6 32	f11 34	
Thom's't'n	. .	9 25	f12 53	. .	. .	6 22	f11 42	
Port Royal	f4 13	9 43	f1 07	. .	f4 22	6 59	f11 57	
Mifflin	. . 4 18	9 48	1 11	. .	4 27	7 05	12 01	
Lewist'n Jc.	4 40	10 14	1 30	. .	4 46	7 28	12 22	
McVeytown	f5 02	10 39	1 48	. .	J5 04	7 52	. .	
N. Hamilt'n	f5 21	11 01	f2 04	. .	. .	8 12	. .	
Mt. Union	f5 27	11 07	2 08	. .	5 25	8 18	. .	
Mapleton	f5 33	11 13	f2 14	. .	. .	8 25	. .	
Huntingdon	5 50	11 32	2 29	. .	5 44	8 43	. .	
Petersburg	f6 07	11 47	2 43	. .	. .	8 57	. .	
Birm'gham	f6 35	12 13	3 07	. .	H6 14	9 19	. .	
Tyrone	. . . 6 42	12 20	3 12	. .	6 19	9 25	. .	
Bellwood	. . . 7 07	12 41	3 29	. .	6 37	9 42	. .	
Altoona	. . . 7 30	1 00	3 45	. .	6 55	10 00	. .	
Pittsburg	. . 12 10	50	8 45	. .	10 45	1 50	. .	
	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	

"J" stops on signal to discharge passengers from Harrisburg and east and south of Harrisburg.

"H" stops on signal to let off passengers from points east and south of Harrisburg, and to take on passengers for Pittsburg and beyond.

Additional trains leave Harrisburg for Altoona and Pitttsburg as follows: 1.35, 2.41, 11.45 a.m., 12.55, 2.53, 3.05, 7.20, 9.48, 11.05 and 11.55 p. m. daily.

	Week days. A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. P.M.	D'ly. P.M.	D'ly P.M.
Pittsburg	. .	3 00	3 00	8 00	. .	12 45	4 55
Altoona	. . 5 00	6 25	7 05	11 43	1 50	5 55	9 05
Bellwood	. f5 12	. .	7 20	m11 55	2 04	6 10	9 19
Tyrone	. . 5 24	6 47	7 38	12 06	2 20	6 27	9 33
Birm'gham	f5 28	. .	7 43	g12 10	2 25	6 32	P9 38
Petersburg	f5 46	. .	8 07	. .	2 48	f6 56	. .
Huntingdon	5 57	7 17	8 20	12 37	3 02	7 10	10 12
Mapleton	. . f6 11	. .	8 36	. .	3 19	7 24	. .
Mt. Union	. f6 17	. .	8 42	m12 56	3 26	7 29	f10 32
N. Hamilton	f6 22	. .	8 46	. .	3 32	7 34	. .
McVeytown	6 40	. .	9 05	m1 16	3 53	f7 51	. .
Lewist'n Jc.	7 00	f8 05	9 27	1 35	4 18	8 10	11 16
Mifflin	. . . 7 22	. .	9 48	m1 52	4 42	8 30	f11 37
Port Royal	. 7 27	. .	9 52	. .	4 48	8 34	. .
Thom's't'n	. 7 42	. .	10 08	. .	5 07	f8 48	. .
Millerstown	7 51	. .	10 18	. .	5 17	f8 57	. .
Newport	. . 8 00	. .	10 28	. .	5 29	9 05	. .
Duncannon	.. 8 27	. .	10 52	. .	5 57	f9 29	. .
Marysville	. 8 44	. .	11 07	. .	6 15	f9 43	. .
Rockville	. . 8 48	. .	11 12	. .	6 22	f9 48	. .
Harrisburg	. 9 00	9 30	11 25	3 10	6 35	10 00	1 00

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.
Baltimore	12 15	12 15	*3 11	6 00	9 45	2 20	7 15
Washington	1 20	1 20	*4 20	7 15	. .	3 30	8 30
Philadelphia	11 48	12 17	*3 17	6 23	10 47	4 23	4 23
New York:							
Desb's St.	2 03	2 53	*5 53	9 30	3 53	. .	7 13
Cort'dt St.	2 03	2 53	*5 53	9 30	3 53	. .	7 13
W. 23d St.	2 15	3 00	*6 00	9 40	. .	. .	7 15
	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.

Additional trains leave Pittsburg for Altoona, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia as follows: 3.35, 7.15 and 7.30 a. m., 12.01, 4.50, 7.10, 9.00 and 10 00 p. m. daily.

*Week days only. "g" stops to let off passengers from Pittsburg and beyond, and to take on passengers for Harrisburg and beyond. "f" stops only on signal, or notice to agent or conductor, to receive or discharge passengers.

"m" passenger section will stop on signal to discharge or receive passengers.

"p" stops to discharge passengers from East Liberty, Pittsburg and beyond.

Connecting trains leave as follows:

At Lewistown Junction—For Sunbury 7.30 a. m. and 3.00 p. m. week days.

For McClure 7.30 a. m., 3.00 and 6.10 p. m. weekdays.

For Milroy 7.40 a. m., 1.50 and 4 50 p. m. week days.

For Reedsville 7.40 a. m., 1.50, 4.50 and 5.25 p. m. week days.

At Huntingdon—For Bedford and Cumberland 8.35 a. m. and 5.55 p. m. week days. Bedford only 8.35 a. m. Sundays.

At Tyrone—For Clearfield, Curwensville and Grampain, 8.00 a. m., 3 55 and 6.50 p. m. week days, and 8.00 a m. Sundays.

For Bellefonte and Lock Haven 8.10 a. m., 12.25 and 7.00 p. m. week days. 8.10 a. m. Sundays.

For Scotia 7.50 a. m. and 2.50 p. m. week days.

PENNSYLVANIA AND NORTHWESTERN R. R.

Trains leave Bellwood for Punxsutawney 8.00 a. m. and 3.38 p. m. week days, arrive at Bellwood at 11.08 a. m. and 5.44 p. m. week days.

For rates, maps and detailed information, call on Ticket Agents, or address Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent Western District, 360 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

W. W. ATTERBURY, General Manager. J. R. WOOD, Pass'r Traffic Manager.
GEO. W. BOYD, General Passenger Agent.

HUNTINGDON AND BROAD TOP RAILROAD.

On and after Monday, June 29, 1903, trains will arrive and depart as follows:

SOUTH Expr's A M	SOUTH Mail P M	STATIONS	NORTH Mail A M	NORTH F.Line P M
8 35	5 56	. Huntingdon .	11 10	5 15
8 45	6 05	McConnellstown	11 00	5 05
8 50	6 09	. . Grafton . .	10 56	5 00
8 55	6 14	. Brumbaugh .	10 51	4 55
8 59	6 18	. Marklesburg .	10 47	4 51
9 06	6 25	. . Entrikin . .	10 40	4 44
9 11	6 30	. . . Beaver . . .	10 35	4 39
9 16	6 35	. . . Cove . . .	10 30	4 34
9 27	6 46	. . . Saxton . . .	10 20	4 23
9 31	6 50	. . . Clark . . .	10 15	4 18
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10 17	7 27	. . Everett . .	9 38	3 43
10 20	7 30	. . Mt. Dallas . .	9 35	3 40
10 43	7 50	. . Bedford . .	9 15	3 20
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12 05	9 05	. . Cumberland .	8 00	2 00

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SOUTH Expr's A M	STATIONS	NORTH Expr's P M
9 35	. . . Saxton . . .	4 00
9 50	. . . Coalmont . . .	3 45
	. . Crawford . .	
10 05	. . . Dudley . . .	3 30

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Estate of John W. Shore, deceased.

Letters of administration on the estate of John W. Shore, late of Springfield township, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and to those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

JAMES SHORE, Administrator,
C. C. BREWSTER, Atty., Maddensville, Pa,
Huntingdon, Pa. 3-16-6t

ORPHANS' COURT SALE OF REAL ESTATE!

Estate of Julian Chilcote, deceased, (formerly Dell.)

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Huntingdon county, the undersigned trustee appointed by said court will sell at public vendue on the premises in Union township on

Saturday, April 30, 1904,

at one o'clock in the afternoon, the following described real estate, to wit:

All that certain farm situated in Union township, county and state aforesaid, bounded on the north by lands of I. Newton Swope, east by lands of James Dell, south by lands of A. Decker, and west by lands of Ellsworth Dell; containing 53 acres and 55 perches, more or less, and having erected thereon a two story log dwelling house, a spring house and other outbuildings.

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Mount Union	LEAVE	9 05	3 50	11 15	. .
Augh. Mills		9 22	4 08	11 32	. .
Shirley		9 35	4 20	11 45	. .
Orbisonia		9 50	4 35	12 00	. .
		10 00	4 45	1 15	5 30
Pogue		10 12	4 57	1 27	5 40
Three Springs		10 23	5 12	1 45	5 50
Saltillo		10 30	5 25	1 55	5 58
Cole's		11 03	5 58	2 25	6 30
Rocky Ridge		11 08	6 03	2 30	6 35
Cook's		11 18	6 13	2 40	6 45
Robertsdale	ARRIVE	11 30	6 25	2 50	6 55
		a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	a.m

NORTHWARD		No. 1 A.M.	No. 3 P.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 7 P.M.
Robertsdale	LEAVE	6 05	12 45	8 20	4 30
Cook's		6 15	12 55	8 30	4 40
Rocky Ridge		6 25	1 03	8 38	4 48
Cole's		6 30	1 09	8 43	4 55
Saltillo		7 00	1 38	9 12	5 25
Three Springs		7 08	1 45	9 20	5 32
Pogue		7 20	1 57	†9 32	5 42
Orbisonia		7 38	2 15	9 50	5 55
		7 45	2 20	10 00	. .
Shirley		8 00	2 35	10 15	. .
Augh. Mills		8 10	2 45	†10 25	. .
Mount Union	ARRIVE	8 30	3 05	10 45	. .
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.

SHADE GAP BRANCH.

SOUTHWARD No. 12 p.m.	No. 10 a.m.	STATIONS	NORTHWARD No. 9 a.m.	No. 11 p.m
4 50	8 45	Lv . . Orbisonia . .	Ar 9 45	5 45
4 58	8 52	. *Blacklog .	9 38	5 38
5 06	9 00	. *Cedar Rock .	9 30	5 30
5 09	9 03	. *Locke Valley .	9 27	5 27
5 15	9 10	Ar . Shade Gap .	Lv 9 20	5 20
p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	p.m.

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R. S. SEIBERT, General Manager.

REGISTER'S NOTICE—

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested that the following inventories of the goods and chattels set apart to widows under the Act of the 14th day of April, 1851, have been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Huntingdon county, and will be confirmed nisi May 4, 1904, and if no exceptions be filed thereto the same will confirmed absolutely September 7, 1904.

1. ISENBERG. Inventory of the personal property of Joseph G. Isenberg, late of Huntingdon borough, deceased, as taken by his widow, Lucretia A. Isenberg.
2. STITT. Inventory of the personal property of A. Dorris Stitt, late of Dublin township, deceased, as taken by his widow, Mrs. A. D. Stitt.
3. DRAKE. Inventory of the personal property of Asher Drake, late of Clay township, deceased, as taken by his widow, Susan J. Drake.
4. MUSSER. Inventory of the personal property of H. S. Musser, late of Brady township, deceased, as taken by his widow, Hannah Musser.
5. BUMGARDNER. Inventory of the personal property of Jacob Bumgardner, late of Union township, deceased, as taken by his widow, Martha Bumgardner.
6. FETTERHOOF. Inventory of the personal property of Daniel Fetterhoof, late of Spruce Creek township, deceased, as taken by his widow, Susan Fetterhoof.
7. ALLEN, Inventory of the personal property of Stewart Allen, late of the borough of Huntingdon, deceased, as taken by his widow, Margaret Allen.

Clerk's Office, April 5, 1904. } E. E. ENYEART, Clerk Orphans' Court.

REGISTER'S NOTICE—Notice

is hereby given to all persons interested that the following named persons have settled their accounts in the Register's office at Huntingdon, and that the said accounts will be confirmed nisi May 4, 1904, and absolutely May 11, 1904.

1. GROVE. Second account of W. T. Browning, one of the executors of David Grove, late of the borough of Orbisonia, deceased.
2. HAMPSON. First and final account of W. T. Bell, executor of the will of Mary A. Hampson, deceased.
3. LAPORTE. The account of W. L. Hicks, trustee of the life estate of J. Hunter LaPorte in the estate of Catharine LaPorte, late of Huntingdon county, deceased, for the use of the heirs of said Catharine LaPorte, deceased.
4. ALLEN. First and final account of F. O. Beaver, administrator of estate of Elizabeth Allen, late of the borough of Huntingdon, deceased.
5. ALLEN. First and final account of F. O. Beaver, administrator of the estate of Sarah Allen, late of the Borough of Huntingdon, deceased.
6. McCORMICK. First and final account of E. S. Woomer, administrator of Patrick McCormick, late of the borough of Dudley, deceased.
7. HENRY. Second account of K. A. Lovell, executor of the last will of Samuel E. Henry, late of the borough of Huntingdon, deceased.
8. HORTON. First and final account of Isaac C. Horton, executor of the last will of Edward Horton, late of Tod township, deceased.
9. FRENCH. Account of Mary E. French and W. H. Benson, administrators of Elijah French, late of Tod township, deceased.
10. LONG. Account of Sarah E. Long, administratrix, c. t. a., of the estate of John C. Long, late of Porter township, deceased.
11. FOCHT. Second account of H. H. Summers, executor of Sarah Focht, late of the borough of Marklesburg, deceased.
12. HOUCK. First account of W. H. Benson, trustee under the will of John W. Houck, late of Tod township, deceased.
13. MILLER. First and final account of A. Curtin Miller, administrator of estate of H. Snyder Miller, late of Henderson township, deceased, with distribution annexed.
14. ARNOLD. First and final account of Gustave Altman, executor of the will of John Carl Arnold, late of Porter township, deceased.
15. TURBETT. First and final account of J. R. Simpson, administrator of Mary A. Turbett, late of the borough of Huntingdon, deceased.
16. IRVIN. Account of Maria Irvin, administratrix of Samuel H. Irvin, late of Jackson township, deceased.
17. ANDERSON. Final account of The Columbia Avenue Trust Company, formerly The Columbia Avenue Savings Fund Safe Deposit Title and Trust Company, trustee of Mrs. Ellen A. Maguire, under the will of John P. Anderson, deceased.
18. SCOTT. First and final account of Margaret A. Powell, administratrix of Thomas Scott, late of Barree township, deceased.
19. BOLINGER. First and final account of Margaret Bolinger and S. L. Bolinger, administrators of William E. Bolinger, late of the borough of Orbisonia, deceased.
20. ROLAND. First and final account of Wilbert M. Roland, administrator of the estate of Adam Roland, late of Union township, deceased.
21. THOMAS. First and final account of Frank H. Harrison, executor of the last will of Caroline Thomas, late of the borough of Mount Union, deceased.
22. LOTZ. First and final account of Mary E. C. Lotz, K. A. Lovell and L. J. Myers, executors of the last will of John C. Lutz, late of the borough of Shirleysburg, deceased.
23. HUDSON. First and final account of T. E. McVitty and E. M. Greene, executors of the last will of Emma Hudson, late of Saltillo borough, deceased.
24. SUMMERS. Second and final account of M. L. Summers, administrator of Jacob Summers, late of Lincoln township, deceased.
25. COGLEY. First and final account of R. Bruce Cogley, executor of the last will of Isabella J. Cogley, deceased, with distribution annexed.

Register's Office, April 5, 1904. } E. E. ENYEART, Register.

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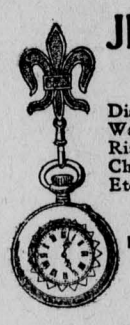

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We will also bake our usual line of Bread and Rolls which it has always been our aim to have pure, clean and wholesome.

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THEY ARE SIXTY-SEVEN.

I met a little Mormon girl;
She was just eighteen, she said,
Her hair was dressed with one big curl
That dangled from her head.

She had a simple way, and bland;
Her speech was soft and cool,
And in her honest, widespread hand
She bore a milking stool.

"How many children, little maid,
Are in your family?"
"How many? Sixty-seven," she said,
And shyly looked at me.

Her hazel eyes to mine she raised,
And then she cast them down.
"I did not ask," I said, amazed,
"The census of your town.

"How many children 'round your door
Disport in childish glee?"
"Just sixty-seven," she said, once more,
And smiled again at me.

"Forty of us at Provo dwell;
At Ogden there are nine;
The good ship Jane, they sail her well—
Twelve brothers, dear, of mine."

"I see at last. Your meaning's clear,"
Said I, with laughter merry;
"Is it an orphanage, my dear,
Or a female seminary?"

"My father kind is drawing near,"
The little maid replied;
"He's been to roam; he's bringing home
Another brand new bride.

"With father dear we dwell at peace;
Our mothers are eleven;
'Round every door there's room for more
And we are sixty-seven."

And then I left in dumb dismay
The maid with eyes like heaven;
But as I left I heard her say,
"And I'm the oldest, by the way,
Of all the sixty-seven."

—Council Bluffs (Iowa) Nonpareil.

While Breakfast Waited.

By Otho B. Senga.

They sat at the extreme ends of the garden seat. The man glared resentfully at the girl; the girl gazed serenely off into the distance.

"Isn't this a deuce of an awkward position?" he began, moodily.

"Pardon me, I am sitting as gracefully as I know how."

"It isn't that—you know what I mean—you know what is expected of us."

"I could hardly help knowing," wearily. "I've heard nothing else for the last six years."

"That's right; we may as well be perfectly honest. No one need be surprised if I say I've hated you all that time, even though I haven't seen you."

"Well, I haven't loved you," tartly.

"No, I suppose not; I dare say it has been as bad for you as for me."

"Oh, worse; infinitely worse!"

"I don't know why worse—" defensively.

"Oh, everything is always worse for a woman. A girl always has her ideals——"

"And, I don't in the least correspond—" tentatively, with evident anxiety.

"Not in the least," promptly.

"What is the matter with me, I'd like to know?" slightly aggressive.

"Well, since you'd 'like to know,' you are too conceited."

"Conceited? Me? Well, I like that! You're talking frank, to say the least."

"I can afford to be—I'm not trying to captivate you."

"I can readily believe that. Anything else?"

"You are not tall enough."

I measure five feet eleven inches—" hotly.

"My ideal," calmly, "is six feet two. Then you are too fat—you don't take exercise——"

"Great Scott! Hear her!" addressing the landscape. "And I train like a prize fighter!"

"I am glad you do," patronizingly. "You would be actually obese if you didn't."

The man fairly gasped with rage.

"It was you, I believe, who suggested being perfectly honest," she remarked.

A long silence. The girl scanned the hazy blue of the New Hampshire hill; the man watched her face, noting the beauty of the curve from ear to chin, and the fine, proud poise of the head.

"Do you know," he said suddenly, "if I had met you anywhere else, not knowing you are Helene Hunter, whose lands join mine—I am sick of hearing about these lands—I should have fallen in love with you?"

"I would expect you to," indifferently.

"You would?"

"Certainly; I consider that I am well worth falling in love with."

"Oho! Nothing conceited about her, now is there?" appealing to the landscape. "And yet," continuing meditatively, "you aren't at all like the girl I've always imagined——"

"Tell me about her," imperiously.

"She is dainty and petite." Miss Hunter, being five feet nine, looked her contempt. "A most bewitching blonde." Miss Hunter's dark head moved a trifle higher. "She has the most exquisite complexion I ever saw—By the way, I wish you'd turn that parasol a little; that green lining makes you look positively ghastly."

"I know that," hastily. "That is the reason I brought it." The olive cheek flushed and the crimson lip quivered.

"But beautiful as she is personally," with increasing enthusiasm, "it is her disposition that I most admire." The parasol was slowly and cautiously lowered to the ground. "She is so sweet and patient and gentle——"

"A modern female Moses, I dare say!"

"And never indulges in sarcasm," firmly, "and is always anxious to please others— Oh, well," leaving the subject with seeming reluctance, "this will never do. It's understood that I ought to propose to you—" inquiringly.

"Of course, it is expected of you. But never mind," consolingly, "you know I am going to refuse."

"Oh, as to that," magnanimously, "you may do as you like. I'm at your mercy——"

"I'd have to refuse, after that speech," she cried passionately, "whether I wanted to or not!"

"I suppose all the members of both families will be raging," musingly, ignoring her blaze of anger. "They have planned ever since we were children. Every letter I've had from Aunt Polly has been filled with the most flattering descriptions of you. Of course, you have improved some," judicially critical, "in the last six years. Helene," suddenly, "do you remember the day you fell off the bridge at Stony Brook, and cut your head, and came so near drowning?"

"I remember," very gently. "I must have drowned but for you. And you carried me home in your arms, a full mile."

"I believe I did. And you had terribly long legs—" reminiscently.

"I've got enough to stand on now," she retorted with spirit, "which is more than you will have, with the relatives, if you don't propose pretty soon!"

"Well, I'm going to. You don't feel a bit like falling in love—" enxiously.

"Not with you. Do you feel any symptoms of anything of the kind?"

"Nary symp. Well, here goes—I suppose we may as well get the awkward job over with. Helene, Miss Hunter—ahem—ahem——

"It must be very painful," with pretended concern. "Perhaps you had better wait a while. You know you only reached home last night. We might be forgiven if we failed to understand why we were sent out to take a walk in the garden before breakfast."

"No, it will have to be done sooner or later, and it may as well be now. Hold your parasol back of you, will you? I'm positive Aunt Polly is looking out of the south window."

"You said the lining was unbecoming——"

"And you said you didn't care——"

"Well, any woman wants to look her best when receiving a proposal. Of course, I haven't the exquisite complexion of your divinity——"

"Who said I had any divinity? I didn't. I haven't even thought of any other woman since we—while you—you with your six-feet-two ideal, your Adonis, who isn't fat——"

"Don't get excited. I can see a pair of field-glasses leveled from the vines on our north piazza, and I have no doubt Aunt Mollie is behind them."

"They've spoiled everything for us, Helene, the aunts and the uncles on both sides. If they'd let us alone, as we were six years ago; but they concocted this scheme of joining the lands—and us—and this is the result! You hate me——"

"Aunt Kitty is waving her handkerchief, Philip. We must go in. Are you going to finish that proposal or not?"

"Yes, I am," with grim determination. "Helene Hunter, will you be my wife?"

"No, I will not. There, that's done with Aunt Molly is expecting you to breakfast with us, Phil."

"And Aunt Polly is expecting you at our house. Don't hurry, Helene. I say, Helene, it's an awful pity we couldn't like one another——"

"It does seem so," sighing and sinking back upon the seat again.

"It will be a dreadful disappointment to all these old people," regretfully. "You see, we being orphans, and owning all these lands—isn't the air sweet with the roses, Helene?—and such friends as we were in childhood, they really had a right to expect——"

"I know. Isn't it terrible? I really dread to meet Aunt Mollie and Aunt Kitty, and as for poor Uncle Charlie—"

"Uncle Ben will grieve himself sick, and Aunt Polly will be furious——"

"Heavens, yes; I'll be actually afraid to go near your house again. I won't dare let any of them know that I refused you."

"I'll tell you, Helene," soothingly, "if you think it will make matters any easier for you, you can propose to me, and I'll refuse——"

"Philip Parkhurst, you are perfectly odious!"

"Not at all," argumentatively. "It's like this: I propose to you—you refuse; you propose to me—I decline. None of the relatives can attach any blame to either of us."

"That does sound like a good plan——"

"Good! Why, it's simply great!" with enthusiasm. "Now go ahead."

"Put the parasol behind you, then. Aunt Mollie and Aunt Kitty are both on the piazza now."

"Never mind; that's only a manifestation of interest. And Aunt Polly is still gazing from the south window. However I'll take the parasol if you wish."

"Yes, do; my back is toward your Aunt Polly, but I believe the others could see what I am saying—they have the field-glasses."

The parasol is carefully adjusted.

"Is the green lining very unbecoming, Helene?"

"How absurd! As if that made any difference to a man!"

"Oh, well, on an occasion like this, you know— Now, all ready!"

"I wish you'd close your eyes, Phil. This is very embarrassing, I never proposed to any one before, you know—"

"Oh, didn't you?" innocently.

"Philip Parkhurst, how dare you!"

"Excuse me, excuse me—of course not. I was thinking of something else——"

"Right in the midst of a proposal!"

"It wasn't exactly in the midst, Helene; just on the verge, so to speak. I was wondering if it would be polite for me to refuse—er-coming from a lady, you see—I hardly know—is there any authority——"

"You are very sure you'll refuse, Phil——"

"Very sure. I wouldn't, thaugh," opening his eyes sudenly, and speaking with force and decision, "if it weren't for that infernal bean-pole ideal of yours——"

"And I would never have refused you, only for that blonde dwarf with the amiable disposition."

"Go on, Helene," he said, chokingly

"Close your eyes again. Now—" A long pause. "My goodness! isn't it awful? I don't believe a woman would let a man flounder around and not lend a helping hand."

"Impossible, Helene; it takes both hands to hold the parasol. Unless you'd like me to put that down——"

"No, no, don't. They are all on the piazza now— Uncle Charlie and all; and," glancing fearfully over her shoulder, "oh, Phil, your Aunt Polly is fairly flattening her nose against the south window."

A prodigious forced yawn is the only reply.

"Are you sure your eyes are tightly closed, Phil?"

"Glued, actually glued, Helene."

"Well," hesitatingly, her breath coming short and fast, "Philip Parkhurst, will you marry me?"

The parasol went flying through the air, and the man caught the girl in a quick embrace. "Sure thing, Helene! Never was so glad before in all my life!"

"Oh, don't, don't, Phil. They're all looking——"

"Of course they are; but you don't care—now we're engaged, do you, Helene?"

"Phil," reproachfully, "do you think that was fair?"

"Well, you needn't have grown up to be so bewilderingly beautiful——"

"I wanted to," laughing joyously. "I was so afraid I wouldn't be pretty when you came back.? I knew you'd think of me as you saw me last."

"Helene, you do love me, don't you?"

"A little——"

"That's enough—it'll grow; I'll see to that. Dearest, haven't you known all these years that I loved you?"

"Yes," shyly, "I knew by my own feelings."

"You adorable——"

"Don't, Phil; Aunt Kitty is ringing the bell."

"Just a second. Are you sure we're engaged?"

"Very sure, Phil dear."

"And you love me? Say it, Helene."

"And I love you, Phil."

He drew her hand through his arm, tenderly. "All right, sweetheart; now we'll have breakfast."—Woman's Home Companion.

Cat That Summoned Maid to Open Door.

A wonderful cat attracted the attention of every one who yesterday passed up or down Eighth street on the west side between Locust and Spruce. Pussy was pure white. She was standing upon the step railing of a house which was just high enough to enable her to reach the electric button with her paw. She manipulated this so vigorously that the door was soon opened by a servant, who picked pussy up, took her in her arms, entered the house and closed the door. It was the sentiment of all who witnessed the trick that Maria, or whatever her name might be, was a bright cat.—Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

The Turks always eat their opium while the Chinese smoke it.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

The House, by a vote of 139 to 123, passed the bill to enable the Philippine Government and the municipalities of the islands to issue bonds for local improvements and to aid in the construction of railroads.

Stanislas Gutowski, attache of the Russian Embassy, gave a dinner, when the guests included the Russian Ambassador, Miss Roosevelt, daughter of the President, and Countess Cassini.

The House Committee on Naval Affairs authorized a favorable report on the Lacy bill to restore three former midshipmen at the Naval Academy to their class. The three—J. D. Little, of Ohio; E. W. Chaffee, of Iowa, and John H. Laffland, of Michigan—were dismissed several months ago for hazing.

Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the President, has gone to Groton, Mass., to visit her sons, at school there.

Postmaster General Payne left on the revenue cutter Onondaga for a trip to Galveston, Tex.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

The United States auxiliary cruiser Buffalo and the torpedo boat flotilla, commanded by Lieutenant Chandler, have arrived at Cavite.

Thousands of men employed in cigar factories and in brewing establishments, at Manila, in the Philippines, united in a demonstration recently against the proposed measures to secure internal revenue.

Captain Cutler, lighthouse inspector for Porto Rico, sailed for New York. He is under a $500 bond to appear before the United States Commissioner for assaulting a sailor belonging to the tug Nina. Commissioner Anderson has asked the court to declare the bond forfeited, and to issue a warrant for the re-arrest of Captain Cutler.

Captain David P. Wheeler and Corporal Percy Heyvelt, of the Twenty-second Infantry, while reconnoitring the Moro works along the Taraca River, in the Lake Lanao district of the Island of Mindanao, were stabbed in the abdomen and died later.

News has reached Manilla of a fight between General Wood's forces and Moros at Taraca River. The Moros attacked the Americans, and were repulsed with great slaughter. Their leaders, however, escaped. The Americans lost two killed and six wounded.

Major General Leonard G. Wood, with 1500 men, is about to begin a campaign to compel the allegiance of the Sultan of Taraca and to force him to turn over to the American authorities twenty murderers and several stolen rifles. Taraca is on the shore of Lake Lanao, island of Mindanao.

Prince Pu-Lun, nephew of the Emperor of China, who is en route to the United States to represent the Chinese Government at the St. Louis Exposition, arrived at Honolulu on the steamship Gaelic.

DOMESTIC.

At the trial of Roeski, the car barn bandit, at Chicago, Ill., Gustav swore that he, and not Roeski, fired the shot in the murder for which Roeski is on trial. The witness asserted that at the time of the murder he was trying to kill Roeski, because he was suspicious that Roeski would betray the other bandits to the police.

James D. Richie, secretary-treasurer of the miners' local union at Broadhead, Col.; Robert Beverage, president of the Broadhead union, and Librario Vialpando, a Mexican, have been brought from Aguilar by the troops and placed in the county jail. The first two are charged with intimidating men who wished to work. Vialpando is charged with having shot at a soldier.

The Citizens' Bank of Ponca City, Okla., closed its doors on account of sudden withdrawals of deposits and a failure to make collections. It is thought by the directors that the bank will be able to pay thirty-three cents on the dollar.

John Healy, one of five men who had held up and robbed two persons, has been shot and fatally wounded by Policeman Wiesen, at Chicago, Ill.

The tug Frank Canfield, owned by the Canfield Tug Line, Manistee, Mich., ran aground on the outer bar at Point Sable and sunk. Capt. Henry Smith, Engineer Charles Kopfer and Helper William Justmann were lost.

The Western Federation of Miners will bring before Colorado Supreme Court Gov. Peabody's right to rule by martial law.

FOREIGN.

The Foreign Office, at Paris, discredits the report that negotiations are in progress looking to bringing about a meeting between President Loubet and Emperor William.

The British destroyer Teazer, which in the maneuvres ran into the sea wall of Portsmouth harbor while Prince Henry of Prussia was looking on, has been floated off.

There was a dynamite outrage at the Hotel du Nord, at St. Petersburg, Russia. The explosion killed the son of General Kazarkoff. Another man was also killed and on his body incriminating documents and plans were found.

According to a dispatch received from Windhoek, German Southwest Africa, a captain, a first lieutenant and six men were killed and a lieutenant and seven men severely and five men slightly wounded in a battle with the Hereros at Okatumba, five miles southwest of Katjapia.

A crater has formed on the top of La Savila Hill, at Sahuaye, Mexico, about five miles from that place, and that sand and hot rock are being thrown out. The eruptions are accompanied by subterranean noises.

SENATE PASSES ZONE BILL

President to Pay $10,000,000, Then Take Possession of Panama Canal.

Laws in Force in Republic of Panama, Which Are Not Inconsistent With the Act, Are to Apply.

Washington, D. C.—The Senate has passed the bill providing for the temporary government of the canal zone at Panama, the protection of the canal works and for other purposes. The bill was passed by a viva voce vote.

The bill was framed by the Committee on Interoceanic Canals after a number of hearings, and since it was reported to the Senate has been in charge of Mr. Kittredge, of South Dakota.

The bill as passed authorizes the President, upon the acquisition of the property of the New Panama Canal Company and the payment of the $10,000,000 to Panama, as provided by the Hay-Varilla treaty; to take possession of the canal zone. The Isthmian Canal Commission is empowered to exercise all the rights acquired under the treaty for the construction of the canal and government of the zone. Legislative power is vested in the commission, including the power to raise and appropriate revenues in the zone, and the bill of rights is extended over the zone similar to that extended over the Philippines, including practically all the rights guaranteed by the Constitution except trial by jury.

Goods not produced in the zone are required to pay duty on importation into the United States. All laws in force in the Republic of Panama on February 26, 1904, so far as they are not inconsistent with the act, are applied to the canal zone, and no laws of the United States are extended to the zone except those specifically stated in the act.

The commission is authorized to employ a police force and to call upon the United States for military and naval force to suppress insurrection, to appoint subordinate officers, and to grant pardons and reprieves for offenses against the laws of the commission. One member of the commission may be appointed governor of the canal zone, to serve without extra compensation. The canal zone is constituted a judicial district, to be called "the District of Panama." Provision is made for a District Judge, to be appointed by the President. All extradition treaties of the United States are extended to the canal zone.

All expenses of government of the canal zone, including salaries, shall be paid out of the revenues raised in the zone, so far as they go, and the deficit is to be paid from the $10,000,000 carried by the Spooner act. The accounts of the canal commission are placed under the control and direction of the Auditor of the Treasury for the War Department.

DIVER HOAR WAS SUFFOCATED.

Body Finally Taken From the Reservoir at Boonton, N. J.

Boonton, N. J.—The body of William Hoar, the diver, who was caught and held fast at the bottom of the reservoir here by the suction of the waste pipe, was finally brought to the surface.

Diver Rice and his assistants successfully made all repairs and the water shut off from the pipe. The whole time occupied by Rice in stopping the flow of the water and the suction that was holding the big ball in place was about eight hours. It is believed that if the plan finally adopted had been followed when it was first found that Hoar was caught fast between the pipe and the ball, the man's life would have been saved.

Hoar was caught by the suction of the pipe and drowned, and the body had been in the water ninety-five and a half hours when raised to the surface.

TRAIN TUMBLES INTO RIVER.

Avalanche in Cascade Mountains Undermined Great Northern Tracks.

Tacoma, Washington.—Avalanches in the Cascade Mountains undermined the Great Northern tracks near Leavenworth, and an east-bound passenger train was plunged into Wenatchee River.

Three men were killed, four injured and $50,000 worth of equipment spilled into the river. The dead were Frederick J. Wildman, a member of the Painters' Union of Butte, and two unidentified men, all riding on a blind baggage.

The washing out of the embankment left the ties held together by the rails as the sole support of the 200-ton train. On striking this unsupported track the engine made a quick turn to the right and tumbled down an almost perpendicular bank into the river.

TORPEDO BOAT WRECKED.

The English Teazer Runs Into Sea Wall in Practice at Portsmouth.

London, England.—During a night attack on Portsmouth, that had been arranged in connection with the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia, the British torpedo boat destroyer Teazer attempted to enter the harbor.

A searchlinght dazzled the navigating officer and the vessel dashed at full speed into the sea wall and grounded.

There were no fatalities. It is expected that the vessel will prove a total wreck. One report says that she was broken in two.

A SERMON FOR SUNDAY

AN INTERESTING DISCOURSE BY THE REV. L. H. CASWELL.

Subject: "A Little Inquiry Into Tribulation" — A Pathetic Figure is the Shilly-shally Youth Cuddled in Luxury and Shrinking From Life's Combat.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—For his Sunday sermon, in the Tabernacle M. E. Church, Greenpoint, the pastor, the Rev. Lincoln Hollister Caswell, took as his subject "A Little Inquiry Into Tribulation." The text was from Romans v: 3: "But we glory in tribulations." Mr. Caswell said:

Unto each the ever recurring questions come. Whence the mission of adversity? Why the existence of trouble? Do pain and pleasure proceed from kindred laws? How is it that while our earth in its orbit keeps symphony with the host of heaven, it yet bears the undertone of anguish in its bosom?

Shall we answer by impeaching Infinite justice, by declaring the tryranny of pain, by asserting the bondage of suffering? Not so. But rather inquire for the mission of trouble and learn the utility of adversity. It is clear to the student of ethics that there is an unknown quantity in the formula of suffering. In this question x equals life—life of service or of idleness: of force or of weakness; or grand or of mean proportions. Adversity either makes or ruins a man, his individual character alone determining whether he shall be crushed or exalted. Opposing forces stimulate to heroic action. A man may choose to dwell in luxury, but he must do so at the expense of the stronger forces of character. It is hard to endure pain, it is far harder to resist ease, but by resisting and by enduring are wrought out those princely qualities which are attributes of the ideal man. And so we are placed amid forces, rude and contrary, that we may gain the glory of breaking and bridling them. If nature and environment should befriend and never oppose, gratify and never grieve, satisfy and never smite, life would become immeasurably less noble.

It is not uncommon to think that suffering, as well as sin, comes fleet footed from Tartarus, whereas, suffering is not dependent upon sin. There is a ministry of suffering, but there can never be a ministry of evil. Is hatred the cause of love; revenge of forgiveness; selfishness of generosity; vice of virtue? Humility is not the daughter of pride, nor is error the propagator of truth. It is not true for a man to hold that because he has sinned he is capable of reaching a higher holiness. Give not evil the credit of befriending humanity. Sin alienates, debases, ruins. Behold how suffering rises above evil! Evil is infamous; suffering may be glorious. Evil merits antipathy; suffering often deserves praise. Evil swears fealty to the infernal; suffering never, but repeatedly vows allegiance to the Infinite. To punish evil is suffering's smallest province. It exists for a higher purpose than retribution—for a stimulating, educating, atoning purpose so that "afflictions are but the shadows of God's wings."

Upon material things a literature is written. Read it! It tells of strife, struggle, contention. The law of dissolution cooperates with the law of growth. The rock dies that the vegetable may live; the plant withers that the animal may grow; the body decays that the spirit may expand eternally. Counter forces make the life of the universe. The meteor gleams because of resistance; the shimmering constellations that glow upon the brow of night are but fire balls from the furnace of the sun; light itself, resplendent and vitalizing, comes from combustion, antagonism and chemical conflict. Adversity enters into the very nature of things. Earth's living forms once slumbered in the granite rock, and would still have slumbered but for adverse forces active within. Chemicals were there to disintegrate, earthquakes to shatter, fires to fuse, glaciers to grind. There were corrodings, consumings, erosions, decayings, witherings and washing until the solid granite unfolded its treasures to make possible organic life.

What mean the expressions, "natural selection," "struggle for existence," "survival of the fittest?" They indicate that all life is an extended conflict, where each order preys upon the next below and grapples with the next above for mastery.

What has been the discipline by which our own nation has attained its present strength? It had indeed a wonderful parentage. The brave little Netherlander whom the Council of Blood, the Inquisition and the Holy See could not down; the glorious Huguenot fresh from hearing the blood cries of St. Bartholomew; the sturdy, psalm-singing Puritan who wrung Magna Charta from John, who served Hampden to resist the king, who animated Cromwell and his Ironsides at Marston Moor and Naseby, who taught Vane how to die, who struggled amid overwnelming forces for religious liberty; these, whom the American is proud to own as worthy ancestors, are all sons of hardship and endurance, conquerors in the nobler fields of battle. Thus out of milleniums of struggle with the myriad-headed hydra of persecution arises the America of to-day. The nation's birth was marked by pain. Speak, ye noble slain of Bunker Hill! Ye patriots clashing arms with an alien foe! Shout, ye pallid lips of the blood stained snow of Valley Forge! And tell us that freedom is gained by devotion to death; that liberty rides triumphant over a road macadamized by the bones of its devotees; tell us that the advancing stages of national life are heralded by conflict and hastened by the presence of a martyr host!

Passing into the realm of the intellectual it is found that the power of incisive intellect is purchased with the hard coin of struggle. The product of genius is dearly bought. No pioneer of philosophy, or science, or religion ever blazed his way through untrod forests who was not confronted by poverty, prejudice or hardships innumerable. Not in courts of ease; not in rich classic halls; not in the midst of fame and loud huzzas are deepest emotion engendered, rarest truths found nor sublimest conceptions begotten. From a cup of hemlock in Athens; from the cross in Jerusalem; from an apostle's dungeon at Rome; from the chamber of a blind bard in London have come the thoughts that have swayed the world.

Why is the sacred page so filled with tenderness, pathos and comfort? It was not written with a golden pen in an easy chair, in a scholastic library. For ink, there were tears of a multitude of weepers. For pens, there were fishermen, shepherds, bedouins of the desert, slaves, convicts and martyrs. For libraries, there were desolate rocks, caverns, mountain sides, sea shores and prison walls. Out of such harsh and unfavorable conditions came the volumn which through all the years has been coveted by the bereaved, sought by the lonely, loved by the troubled. Excellence of thought comes by way of toil, endurance, denial.

Mind, capable of Infinite thoughts, has its Gardens of Gethsemane. Mind wears the crown of thorns in the very hour of lofty achievement.

It is said that Ole Bull ascended the rough mountains of Norway, there he saw the majestic storm, heard the weird wail of the pines, listened to the roar of the cascades, and from these he caught those rapturous tones with which he charmed the heart of the world. Thus it is because men have climbed some craggy Matterhorn of chilling adversity, descended into some vale of shadows, lingered by some wave battered cliff; because they have braved opposition and hardship; because they have had passages in their lives where they have experienced the extremities of anguish and dsoiation that they have become heralds of truth, have marked the advance of civilization, have been high priests of science, refiners of society, reformers of faith.

What is it that places this premium on grief? Why are the great doers also the great suffers? What is it that vitalizes pain, glorifies sorrow, and makes dead men's bones walk the earth clothed with tremendous influence? Let Moses answer from the mount of immeasurable glory: "I rejected a regal palace and the treasures of Egypt, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God that I might be a statesman for the oppressed, liberate a nation of slaves, endure to be vexed, tried and discouraged through forty weary years that at last I might stand illumined in the transfiguration of the Son of God." Let David answer with his wail of anguish: "O, my son Absalom! my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" It was in the depth of his mourning that he sung those poems which have comforted the aching heart for ages. Let Joseph and Daniel answer as from a prison and a den they ascend the steps to royalty and fame. Let Savonarolo answer loving the red hot iron of martyrdom more than the red hat of a cardinal. Let Bruno answer, let Gallileo, let Newton. Let Luther answer, and Wickliff and John Huss, and Wesley, and Francis Asbury. It is a noble company. But there are some whom reverses have ruined, whom afflictions have spoiled, who refuse to be sublimated by suffering or ennobled by calamity. I see yonder a Napoleon, of surpassing genius, the world's autocrat. He builds a throne of steel only to see it rust and crumble e'er he dies. From his pinnacle of power he falls and lies prostrate in defeat. His failure is ignominious because his spirit is ignoble. Upon the barren rock of St. Helena he wanders, a lion at bay, a soul cowed, a phoenix life in hopeless despair. By his side and towering above him rises Washington. He comes to the government when there is nothing to govern. He becomes commander of the American Army when it is small and defeated. Without navy, without money, without munitions, with traitors and Tories abundant, with generals conniving for position and grossly slandering his character, he meets and defeats the most thoroughly equipped and appointed government of the world; and then, notwithstanding the importunities of a people he has freed, he refuses a royal crown and passes into history—an embodiment of unselfish service.

Far in the past I see corrupt Nero lolling in his chariot of regal magnificence; dying by inches a loathsome death, a victim of the very luxury and extravagance in which he delights. Rolling over the Appian way on toward the city, he passes the Roman guard leading a prisoner to execution. Unto the prisoner the Emperor gives but a contemptuous glance. That is all—and yet not all. That captive commands the gaze of mankind. The name of Nero is a synonym for vice and shamelessness, while the name of Paul wields a mightier influence with each succeeding century. Paul still lives! Die he cannot! It is true that for this purpose Nero led him forth from prison. But see! Does he tremble? Does he shrink from his last enemy? Does this spiritual hero who fought with beasts, struggled with waves, was scarred by the lash, incarcerated, smitten, stoned and left for dead, does he who, when each stroke of the "tribulum" fell upon him, shouted, "None of these things move," does he now flinch?

The block is there. The blade is ready. The headsman speaks, "Prepare!" Where is the tremor in the aged form? With radiant brow and stately mien immortal he stands. With eye flashing in hope, with voice strong and confident, hear him declare, "I am now ready to be offered; the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith." Nero's axe cleaves his head and Paul, the hero, is crowned with the abundant life.

How has the ministry of the Christ been wrought out? In all the centuries of sorrow whose grief compares with that of Him who is at once the Author and Saviour of mortal man? With uncovered head bow we before the sublime sufferer. Behold! Out of the anguish of the garden, out of the gloom of the tomb He of the riven side, He of the thorn crowned head, He of the broken heart walks down the ages elevating sorrow until it grows with a heavenly hallow, lifting the burden of woe from bruised and staggering humanity. This is He who exalts the lowly and raises toil to nobility, declaring that pain shall no longer be accursed, but that life shall be triumphant in adversity. Is this our life? Not vacillating, meagre, indolent, but sturdy, unflinching, enduring, overcoming, decisive—a triumphant life? This only is life with deathless possibilities, and he only who lives for the future catches the secret of the present and its trials. Look we beyond diurnal revolutions gauging the sweep of the planet in its course around the sun. Trials and tests, slanders and betrayals, desertion and opposition are for to-day; character for eternity. If man in the future expects to rest upon his knowledge of truth, he must find some trial to test it now. If character is to count forever, some sharp and merciless criticism must prove its integrity now.

There is no more pathetic figure in the world of to-day than the shilly-shally youth cuddling in the lap of wealth and shrinking from life's combat. We are not wooden dummies, but must be men of granite, against whom the leaping waves and mountainous surges shall beat only to recoil in impotent fury. The need of this hour is strong manhood. Perseverence is the characteristic that wins. Expect not to glide through easy seas, with silken sails tense in the breeze of favor. You must steer through narrow straits; here a whirlpool of doubt, there a hidden rock of skepticism, where adverse currents would strand the bark high on the barren beach of despair. You must sail by the Siren Isle of insinuating desire; must resist enchantments which lull to the sleep of voluptuous death; must feel the grip of eternal realities; must move on and out to the unfoldment of the soul with an iron determination to wrest victory out of defeat, and weave a garland of praise out of the failure of friends, the malice of enemies, the contempt of rivals and the hardship of life.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR APRIL 24.

Subject: The Mission of the Seventy, Luke x., 1-16—Golden Text, Luke x., 2—Memory Verses, 1, 2—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

I. The seventy sent forth (vs. 1-3). 1. "After these things." After Christ and His disciples made their final departure from Galilee. According to Andrews this took place early in November. They are then supposed to have journeyed along the borders between Samaria and Galilee eastward to the River Jordan. They crossed over into Perea and then turned south toward Jerusalem. "The Lord appointed." This appointment was temporary and not permanent like the appointment of the twelve apostles. "Seventy others" (R. V.) The twelve apostles had been commissioned and sent out about a year before this. As the number of apostles had reference to the number of the tribes of Israel, so the seventy disciples sent out call to mind the number of elders who were chosen to assist Moses in governing the people. The number also corresponds to the number of members of the Sanhedrin. "And sent them." The chief purpose of this sending was not to train these messengers for a later independent mission, but it was a new attempt to influence to decision at least a part of the people, and by word and deed to prepare the coming of the kingdom of God in the midst of them. "Two and two." The same manner in which He sent out the apostles. This was done: 1. To teach them the necessity of concord among the ministers of righteousness. 2. That in the mouth of two witnesses everything might be established. 3. That they might comfort and support each other in their difficult labor. "Before His face." They were to visit those cities and places that He intended soon to visit.

2. "Harvest truly is great." The harvest is plenteous, the grain is ripe and spoiling and must be garnered immediately or it will be lost. There was need for such a mission as the district in Perea had been little visited by Jesus. There were multitudes who had not yet heard of the coming of "the kingdom of God." "Laborers are few." True workers have always been hard to find. This is the greatest calling in the world, and yet there are so few who are ready to make the small, temporary self-denial that is necessary in order to see success in Christian work. "Pray ye therefore." They must set out with prayer, and have a deep concern for precious souls.

II. Various instructions given (vs. 4-11). The instructions given them were distinct from and yet similar to the instructions given the twelve apostles. The twelve had greater authority to work miracles, and they were to receive persecutions which are not mentioned with reference to the seventy. 4. "Carry neither purse, etc." Trust God for your support. The purse was a small leather bag for carrying money. The scrip was a traveling bag used for carrying provisions when traveling. "Nor shoes." The shoes were made for use in the house. They did not need these; the sandals they were wearing would be sufficient. In fact, they were to take nothing not absolutely necessary for their journey.

6. "Son of peace." Any truly pious man who is worthy of such a blessing.

7. "In the same house remain." Their stay was to be short. They were not to choose the best places and neglect the poor, and were not to spend time going from house to house in search of better accommodations. "Is worthy." The one who really labors is worthy of being supported, but drones need not expect the workers to feed them very long.

8. "As are set before you." Probably Christ here refers to the traditions of the elders about their meat. They were extremely critical, and a dish of meat could hardly be set before them but there was some scruple concerning it. Christ would not have them regard those things, but eat what was set before them. 9. "Heal; and say." Their mission was twofold: 1. They were to gain the attention of the people by healing their bodies. 2. The important part of their work was to preach the gospel of the kingdom.

10. "Receive you not." Do not receive you kindly and accept your message. "Go your ways." You have no time to contend with them. Do not cast your "pearls before swine." "Into the streets." The most public place. Let every one see the result of rejecting the truths concerning the kingdom of God. 11. "Wipe off against you." The Jews considered themselves defiled with the dust of heathen countries, and the action here enjoined did not express anger, but a warning. It signified that these Jews were holy no longer, and was, in reality, placing them on a level with the heathen. "Be ye sure." The message was again to be repeated, if, perchance, some might hear at the last moment.

III. Impenitent cities upbraided (vs. 12-16). 12. "In that day." In the judgment day. "Sodom." See Gen. 19. This was one of the "cities of the plain" that was destroyed by God with fire because of its great wickedness. It was situated in the fertile plain of Jordan, but its exact location is not known. "Than for that city." Our Lord is here threatening the guilty inhabitants of the cities who reject His gospel, and from His words we learn: 1. That there is a future day in which the inhabitants of the earth are to stand before the judgment seat of God and receive their sentence. 2. The degree of punishment will be measured according to the privileges enjoyed and the guilt incurred. 3. Acceptance of the message of God is the only method of escape and the only means of salvation.

13. "Woe unto thee." "Alas for thee!" This is an exclamation of pity, and it is evident that our Lord used the words in this sense. "Chorazin." A town on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee. Its location is not definitely known, but it was near Capernaum. "Bethsaida." On the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee, north of Capernaum. It was the birthplace of Philip, Andrew and Peter. "Mighty works." The great miracles. A miracle is a sign, a wonder, and a mighty deed (Acts 2: 22; 2 Cor. 12: 12; Heb. 2: 4.)

14. "More tolerable." The degree of your misery will be greater than even that of Tyre and Sidon. "At the judgment." The final judgment. 15. "Exalted to heaven." A Hebrew metaphor, expressive of the utmost prosperity, and the enjoyment of the greatest privileges. "Down to hell." Capernaum was to be brought down to a state of utter ruin and desolation. This prediction was literally fulfilled soon after this in the wars between the Jews and the Romans. 16. "Heareth; despiseth." He that welcomes the apostles and listens to them is listening to the voice of Jesus Christ and of God Himself, while the one who despiseth the apostles and will not listen to the message they bring is really despising and rejecting Jesus Christ and God the Father who sent Him. It was not long before the seventy returned with joy because of their success.

RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP AND 700 MEN LOST

The Petropavlovsk Blown Up Outside Port Arthur, Admiral Makaroff Sinking With Her.

VESSEL STRUCK STRAY MINE

St. Petersburg, Russia.—The battleship Petropavlovsk was sunk by striking a mine in the outer roadstead of Port Arthur. She heeled over, turned turtle and went to the bottom.

The Petropavlovsk was flying the flag of Vice-Admiral Makaroff, the naval Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, and he went down with the vessel.

Practically the entire crew of the battleship, numbering about 700, perished.

Seven officers, including the Grand Duke Cyril, and thirty-two men, were saved. All these, including the Grand Duke, were more or less injured.

According to the first accounts, the Petropavlovsk sank as she was going out to meet the Japanese fleet, which appeared off Port Arthur in the morning. It now appears that she met with disaster as she was returning with the other warships after it had been ascertained that the enemy had been strongly reinforced.

It has just become known that the battleship Poltava several weeks ago had a hole rammed in her by the battleship Sevastopol while the latter was maneuvring in the harbor of Port Arthur. This increases the consternation here.

According to a report the Petropavlovsk struck a mine on her starboard side amidships and immediately began to heel. Before the crew could flood the port compartments of the vessel in order to keep her on an even keel, she turned turtle and sank in a few minutes.

Captain Jakoileff, the Grand Duke Cyril, and two other officers were saved, because they were standing on the upper bridge. The frightful loss of life among the officers and men was due to the fact that they were all at their stations ready for action.

The Petropavlovsk turned turtle in a manner similar to the British battleship Victoria, which was rammed by the Camperdown in 1893. In the Chino-Japanese War a Chinese warship also turned turtle, many of the crew remaining alive for several days, hammering desperately on the upturned hull.

The awful disaster at Port Arthur has been a terrific blow. It would have fallen less heavily if the ship and the Commander-in-Chief of the fleet had been lost in battle, but to be the result of another accident, following upon the heels of a succession of tragedies of which the Port Arthur fleet has been the victim, it has created something like consternation.

What occurred prior to the blowing up of the flagship is only vaguely known, except that Admiral Makaroff, with his flag flying on the doomed vessel, sailed out to engage the enemy until his reinforcements appeared. It is thought possible that Admiral Togo planned an ambuscade by sending in a small squadron in the hope of drawing out the Russian commander to the open and then cutting him off.

Vice-Admiral Makaroff's death is really a greater loss than would be that of several battleships. He was the pride of the navy and enjoyed the implicit confidence of his sovereign as well as of the officers and men of the service.

It is now an open secret that Admiral Makaroff was not anxious to resign his command at Kronstadt, which necessitated his leaving his wife and family, but the Emperor held such a high opinion of him that he declined to consider other candidates, although it was pointed out that Rear-Admiral Rojestvensky, Chief of the General Staff of the Navy, who has just been appointed to command the Baltic squadron, and who is now destined to succeed Makaroff, as well as others, were anxious to distinguish themselves. As Admiral Rojestvensky will go to the Far East, Vice-Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Black Sea fleet, will be placed in command of the Baltic squadron.

It is stated that Viceroy Alexieff will assume command of the naval forces in the Far East, presumably pending the arrival of Admiral Rojestvensky.

Makaroff is believed to have been in the conning tower when the Petropavlovsk was blown up. Grand Duke Cyril probably owes his life to the fact that he is a fine athlete and a splendid swimmer. His escape is regarded as almost miraculous.

At the moment of the explosion an aide shouted to Grand Duke Cyril to jump into the sea. The aide was killed.

The disaster has stunned the city. The loss of Admiral Makaroff is felt to be a more severe blow than the loss of the ship. The consternation far exceeds that produced by the initial misfortunes of the war. The Russians are an emotional people, and officials as well as the public undisguisedly wept when they heard the news.

THE MARKETS

Wholesale Prices Quoted in New York

MILK.

The Milk Exchange price for standard quality is 2¾c. per quart.

BUTTER.

Creamery—Western, extra.	$ —	@$	22
Firsts	19	@	21½
Seconds	16	@	18
State dairy tubs, firsts	18	@	20
Imitation creamery	14	@	17
Factory, thirds to firsts	12	@	14

CHEESE.

State—Full cream, fancy	11½	@	12
Small	11¾	@	12
Part skims, good to prime	5½	@	6¼
Part skims, common	—	@	3
Full skims	1½	@	2

EGGS.

Jersey—Fancy	18	@	19½
State and Penn	18	@	19½
Western—Choice	17½	@	18
Southern—Choice	16¾	@	17¼
Duck eggs	18	@	25
Goose eggs	—	@	40

BEANS AND PEAS.

Beans—Marrow, choice	2 90	@	2 95
Medium, choice	2 00	@	2 05
Pea, choice	1 92½	@	1 95
Red kidney, choice	3 00	@	3 05
White kidney	—	@	3 00
Yellow eye	2 60	@	2 65
Black turtle soup	—	@	2 80
Lima, Cal	2 37½	@	2 40

FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.

Apples—King, per bbl	2 25	@	3 25
Baldwin, per bbl	2 25	@	2 75
Northern Spy, per bbl	2 25	@	3 00
Roxbury, per bbl	2 25	@	2 50
Greening, per bbl	2 25	@	3 00
Cranberries, C. Cod, per bbl	7 00	@	8 00
Jersey, per bbl	5 00	@	5 50
Strawberries, per qt	10	@	22

LIVE POULTRY.

Fowls, per lb	—	@	14
Chickens, per lb	—	@	13
Roosters, per lb	—	@	8½
Turkeys, per lb	—	@	13
Ducks, per pair	40	@	90
Geese, per pair	90	@	1 25
Pigeons, per pair	—	@	25

DRESSED POULTRY.

Turkeys, per lb	12	@	16
Fowls, Western, per lb	13	@	13½
Chickens, Western, per lb	12	@	13
Broilers, Phila., per lb	25	@	40
Squabs, per dozen	1 75	@	3 00

HOPS.

State, 1903, choice, per lb	34	@	35
Good to prime, per lb	31	@	33
Common to fair	27	@	29
Pacific Coast, 1903, choice	30	@	31
Good to prime, per lb	28	@	29
Common to fair	25	@	27

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay, prime, per 100 lb	—	@	95
No. 1, per 100 lb	85	@	90
No. 2, per 100 lb	80	@	82½
Clover mixed, per 100 lb	70	@	80
Straw, long rye	1 10	@	1 20

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, L. I., per bbl	3 75	@	4 25
Jersey, per bbl	3 50	@	4 00
Sweets, per bbl	2 00	@	5 00
Turnips, per bbl	1 00	@	1 25
Tomatoes, per carrier	60	@	1 50
Egg plant, per box	2 50	@	3 50
Squash, per basket	1 25	@	1 50
Peas, per basket	1 00	@	2 50
Onions, red, per bbl	2 00	@	4 00
White, per bbl	2 50	@	5 00
Yellow, per bbl	2 50	@	4 00
Peppers, per carrier	1 00	@	2 00
Lettuce, per basket	1 00	@	2 50
Cabbages, per crate	3 25	@	3 50
Cucumbers, per crate	2 50	@	3 50
String beans, per crate	1 00	@	2 50
Celery, per dozen	10	@	65
Spinach, per bbl	75	@	1 75
Parsnips, per bbl	2 00	@	2 50
Beets, per 100 bunches	2 00	@	5 00
Carrots, per 100 bunches	1 00	@	2 00
Kale, per bbl	1 25	@	1 50
Watercress, per 100 bunches	1 00	@	3 00
Parsley, per 100 bunches	2 00	@	3 00
Asparagus, per doz. b'ches	1 50	@	4 00
Horseradish, per 100 lbs	3 00	@	7 00
Leeks, per 100 bunches	3 00	@	6 00
Radishes, per basket	1 00	@	2 00

GRAIN, ETC.

Flour—Winter patents	5 20	@	5 50
Spring patents	5 20	@	5 65
Wheat, No. 1 N. Duluth	—	@	1 00⅝
No. 2 red	1 05	@	1 09
Corn, No. 2 white	—	@	55
Oats, No. 2	—	@	43
No. 2 white	—	@	46¾
Rye, Western	—	@	80
Lard, city	—	@	6¼

LIVE STOCK.

Beeves, city dressed	6½	@	8½
Calves, city dressed	6	@	9
Country dressed	5	@	7¼
Sheep, per 100 lb	4 12½	@	5 00
Lambs, per 100 lb	5 50	@	6 80
Hogs, live, per 100 lb	4 60	@	5 90
Country dressed, per lb	5	@	8

WHEAT BELOW THE AVERAGE.

Start of Crop is Comparatively Poor—Condition Under Expert Estimates.

New York City.—The Government crop report on winter wheat, just issued, showed a decrease, both as to condition and estimated yield in comparison with the corresponding report of April, 1903. The condition is 76.5 as against 97.3 in April a year ago, and 86.3 in December, 1903.

The estimated yield to the acre, as figured by Statistician Brown of the Produce Exchange, is 13.3 bushels and the indicated crop is 425,600,000 bushels. The April, 1903, and December, 1903, acreages estimates were respectively 17.3 and 15.4, and the indicated crops were 589,000,000 bushels and 493,000,000 bushels. The final crop of winter wheat in 1903 was 399,867,000 bushels and the yield to the acre 12.3 bushels.

The figures, giving an indicated yield of 425,600,000 bushels, do not take into account the amount of wheat winter killed, these figures not being made public until May. In May of last year the acreage winter killed was put at 1,000,000 acres and in 1901 the killed area was about 4,000,000 acres.

While the present report created some diappointment in the grain trade, it was looked upon as less conclusive than usual on account of the severity of the winter, which has put the growing season far back.

Potatoes Very Dear.

Prices for potatoes continue so high that the demand has fallen off.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning April 24.

Topic.—What Christ can do for "darkest Africa."—Isa. xlv, 11-19.

The problem before Christian missions in Africa is a tremendously great one. This can be fully realized by a glance at some of the characteristics of the dark continent.

1. The size of the continent makes its evangelization a great problem. "Africa is ninety times the size of Great Britain, over fifty times that of France or Germany, over five and a half times that of the United States, excluding Alaska, and over three times as large as all Europe." In these facts we find one proof of the great problem before us.

2. The greatness of the population adds to the difficulties. According to the most recent estimates the total population of Africa is over 160,000,000. When we remember the time and labor required to Christianize the smaller and less populated countries of the earth we have some faint idea of the seriousness of the task when from 150,000,000 to 200,000,000 of people are involved.

3. The character of the people, the moral, social and political conditions in "darkest Africa," form the most difficult feature of the problem of Africa's salvation. Extent of territory and size of population are after all small factors if the people and conditions are favorable. But, alas, in Africa, as nowhere else, are they most unfavorable. Six different races are distinguishable—the negro, Fulah, Bantu, Hottentot, Semite and Hamite, the last two occupying the whole of northern Africa. Outside of Christianity, Mohammedanism and heathenism prevail. Slavery and polygamy abound among the native tribes. The moral sense of the people is of the very lowest order. The continent has been partitioned among the European nations—England, France, Germany, Portugal, Italy and Spain. Nor has this political supremacy been altogether for good. While it opens the doors of the country to the missionaries and affords them absolute protection, yet the introduction of rum and firearms has been the cause of incalculable harm. The Christian people of the world should demand that their governments protect those over whom they rule from danger and harm and cease placing within their reach that which causes their greatest destruction. The moral sense of a nation that can send a missionary and a barrel of rum on the same vessel to a people like those of Africa needs to be toned up, and the people of such nations should demand that commercialism should not stand in the way of the moral and spiritual, physical and mental elevation of any people the world over. This done, and the cause of missions everywhere would receive such an impetus as it has scarcely ever received.

The picture of Africa is a truly dark one. Can Christ do anything for the dark continent? Most assuredly He can. He is the Light of the World and came to dispel its darkness. What He has done is a proof of what He can do. Civilizations in the main as low as those of Africa have been uplifted by the gospel of Christ. Heathenism never prevailed under fouler conditions than it did in the Roman empire in the early Christian centuries, yet Christ conquered it. The native races of Europe, though stronger physically and mentally than the native Africans, were yet savage and heathen, in some cases offering human sacrifices to their gods. But the world knows what Christ did for these races. The middle ages were conspicuous for their moral and spiritual darkness, yet Christ raised them to a most glorious light. And Africa itself has felt the touch of its Divine Master and has responded to it. Over fifty missionary societies are at work on the dark continent, and in time, under the blessing of God, the gospel will reach every nation and tribe, and bring them out of the darkness of sin and superstition into the glorious light of the Christ, the Light of the World.

BIBLE READINGS.

Ps. ii, 1-12; lxxii, 8-15; Isa. xxxv, 1-7; lii, 7-10; Matt. v, 14-16; xxviii, 19, 20; Acts i, 1-11; viii, 26-40; Rom. x, 14, 15; Rev. xxii, 17.

When We Return to God.

You have seen the heavens gray with dull and leaden colored clouds, you have seen the earth chilly and comfortless under its drifts of unmelting snow, but let the sun shine and then how rapidly does the sky resume its radiant blue and the fields laugh with green grass and vernal flower! So will it be with even a withered and a wasted life when we return to God and suffer Him to send His bright beams of light upon our heart. I do not mean that the pain or misery under which we are suffering will necessarily be removed—even for Christ it was not so—but peace will come, and strength will come, and resignation will come, and hope will come, and we shall feel able to bear anything which God shall send, and, though He slay us, we still shall seek Him, and even if the blackest cloud of anguish seems to shroud His face from us even on that cloud shall the rainbow shine.—F. W. Farrar.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

April 24: "Christian Education In Missionary Lands."—Matt. iv, 13-17.

The gospel of Christ changes completely the ideas and customs of every people who accept it.

The habits and institutions of life are largely the outgrowth from the religion held. What one thinks of God and man and the world and the way they are related will settle what he will do and how he will feel.

Jesus Christ is the first who taught that God is Father and men are brothers. He said it in words and in deeds. His life and death illustrated the idea and demonstrated it as fact. He was the first one to arrive at conscious experience of sonship to God. Having attained it, he promised power to attain it to all who truly sought it. A characteristic of those who really seek it is an impulse to teach others the way. This is revolutionary in its effect. It overturns the old way of regarding things and all the former manner of life. It creates a new life in the individual and forms society on different lines. It affects all arts, sciences, philosophies and social customs.

From the first there have been some peculiarly gifted to impart instruction to others. Undoubtedly the gift of teaching will be needed until the kingdom of God come in all its fullness. This gift still continues in the church. Its value is coming to greater appreciation than ever before, and its usefulness is greatly increased.

In every land education in righteousness is receiving fresh emphasis. In lands particularly called "missionary" its recent extension is mostly of much attention. From kindergarten to theological seminary every appliance of Christian education and culture is diligently utilized in the work of bringing the people from darkness of heathen superstition and degradation of pagan worship to the knowledge of God through Jesus Christ.

A series of photographs from the different lands where our missionaries are at work shows the condition of affairs better than volumes of print can do. Mexico, South America, Africa, India, China, Japan and all the other lands have the little children of natives and foreigners gathered into groups under the care of trained kindergarten instructors. Our best graduates of college and normal schools and musical conservatories are scattered all over the world, teaching by the most improved methods the highest truths known to men in these latest years. Our best medical instruction and skill are in this service. Hospitals and dispensaries are necessities of every mission. Besides and beyond all this we are giving training to natives in this art and science of teaching and healing, who shall be able to go out and do the work and also teach others to do it. Theological schools train preachers, and all other grades of schools co-operate to raise in each land a force which shall as soon as possible be able to carry on the work without assistance, or at least dependence, on outside help.

Then what swarms of scholars! Peking, Foochow, Singapore, Madras, Lucknow, Rome, Pueblo and all the great centers between have gathered the best talent of the natives and are training the future rulers of many lands intellectually, morally and spiritually for the great tasks which await the hands of the coming men and women.

More than any one can foretell, the fate of the world in this century for weal or woe rests on the teaching now being given the bright boys and girls in the mission schools of the Christian church. The future of China, of India, of Africa, of all these other lands, is in the balance. Our future is weighing in the same scales. God bless our schools!

Improved or Endured.

There are some things in life to be endured and other things to be changed for the better. It shows Christian submission and fortitude to stand what cannot be helped, but it indicates laziness and cowardice to put up with what can and should be mended. God did not put us here simply to endure our lot, but to improve it whenever possible. He tests our character and principles by His varying providences. He loves the heroic carriage under one set of conditions, but under others He delights in the disposition and capacity to triumph over difficulties and to transform adversity into prosperity.—Presbyterian.

Sinking Out of Sight.

It is said in washing gold the best sinks to the bottom, seems to try to get out of sight. That is true in the highest type of Christian. I know a clergyman who forced himself into a carriage with a presidential candidate a few years ago, usurping the place of a United States senator at a great public function. The minister who did that left the church and city in which he then lived with precious few friends. Moses said, "Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" God knew he was the man, and one of his best recommendations was his unconsciousness of his own power.—Rev. R. V. Hunter, D. D.

Jurors for May Term of Court.

GRAND JURORS, 1ST MONDAY, 2ND DAY.

Brown Jacob, miner, Carbon
Cook Solomon, farmer, Tod
Eberle J B, merchant, West
Fagan William, farmer, Onedia
Flood David, farmer, Dublin
Gates John H, farmer, Warriorsmark
Hockenberry John, farmer, Clay
Johnson Graffius, farmer, Barree
Kelley Thomas, laborer, Morris
McCarthy James, liveryman, Huntingdon
McCool George, laborer, Huntingdon
McMahon Wm, shoemaker, Alexandria
Mort J S, farmer, Springfield
McCarl James, farmer, Henderson
Porter Samuel, farmer, West
Postlethwaite Howard, coal dealer, Mt. Union
Postlethwaite Lewis, laborer, Huntingdon
Reihart J S, blacksmith, Springfield
Reed James, farmer, Dublin
Scott Albert, farmer, Tell
Smyers Wilson R, railroader, Rockhill
Tate John W, laborer, Brady
Wilson Ira W, farmer, Tell
Young William, miner, Carbon

PETIT JURORS, 1st MONDAY, 2ND DAY.

Black Henry, farmer, Clay
Boyer G D, farmer, Shirley
Bashore John, tailor merchant, Shirley
Barr F E, clerk, Huntingdon
Blake Joseph, furnace boss, Orbisonia
Dixon Hayes, painter, Warriorsmark
Forrest George, laborer, Logan
Fleming J H, wagonmaker, Saltillo
Fleck Andrew, stonemason, Springfield
Gashorn Benton, merchant, Tell
Grove William, laborer, Cromwell
Gillam John K, laborer, Mapleton
Grove H L, farmer, Shirley
Gearhart Oliver, farmer, Juniata
Hoover Benjamin, farmer, Penn
Hess Charles, teacher, Hopewell
Heeter George, laborer, Three Springs
Heck E O, merchant, Orbisonia
Hughes John, weigh boss, Carbon
Jones Edward, miner, Carbon
Jones James, miner, Dudley
Johnston Thomas F, fireman, Mt. Union
Krugh A A, teacher, Dublin
King John H, clerk, Huntingdon
Lane David, railroader, Clay
Madison Joseph, laborer, Birmingham
McCahan David, gent, Huntingdon
Miller George F, merchant, Huntingdon
McClain Jesse O, merchant, Carbon
Miller A J, merchant, Shirley
Mansberger Grant, farmer, Cromwell
McCahan John, farmer, Smithfield
Norris Robert, farmer, Penn
Nead Caleb, farmer, Springfield
Owens Ivan, farmer, Warriorsmark
Prough Jacob, farmer, Huntingdon
Parks Samuel, farmer, Juniata
Roddy Thomas, farmer, Dublin
Shaffer Henry, farmer, Mt. Union
Speck William, farmer, Carbon
Shultz Dewalt, merchant, Lincoln
Stone H H, laborer, Penn
Troy W H, laborer, Jackson
Wible Jacob, farmer, Springfield
Wright William, farmer, Union
Walter W L, farmer, Morris
Withington Edward, miller, Logan
Warren J B, laborer, Warriorsmark

TRAVERSE JURORS, 2ND MONDAY, 9TH DAY.

Allison John W, guard, Huntingdon
Boring J B, teacher, Huntingdon
Black John R, laborer, Saltillo
Baker D C, farmer, Tod
Barnett George W, farmer, Clay
Couch L M, farmer, Miller
Chronister Dorsey, laborer, Warriorsmark
Edgin Jacob, farmer, Shirley
Fluke Eli, guard, Huntingdon
DeForrest Barton, plasterer, Huntingdon
Gibboney Frank, laborer, Jackson
Gilliland Luther, laborer, West
Graffius W D, electrician, Spruce Creek
Gregory Ralph, farmer, West
Gates Perry, farmer, Warriorsmark
Henderson Thos K, gent, "
Hall Samuel, laborer, Henderson
Leonard Samuel, railroader, Huntingdon
Long Oliver, farmer, Porter
Martin Oliver, farmer, Porter
McCool George, farmer, Onedia
Miller T A, blacksmith, Lincoln
Norris Chalmers, agent, Huntingdon
Noll John, laborer, Warriorsmark
Neff Martin, farmer, Porter
Oaks Howard, farmer, Barree
Pheasant C M, farmer, Union
Quarry David B, farmer, Lincoln
Rabenstine Amos F, farmer, Clay
Shultz Daniel, farmer, Lincoln
Shenefelt E M, farmer, Cromwell
Stover Emory, farmer, Warriorsmark
Schmittle James, farmer, Tell
Shoemaker Wm, teamster, Huntingdon
Shope Charles, electrician, Huntingdon
Speck A E, dairyman, Huntingdon
Shultz D C, carpenter, Marklesburg
Thompson Walter, laborer, Rock Hill
Williams W R, railroader, Huntingdon
Wakefield K M, teamster, Logan
Walb James G, farmer, Penn
Whittaker Thomas, farmer, Porter

LIST OF CAUSES FOR TRIAL.

MAY TERM, 1904

First Week, First Monday, 2nd Day.

R. W. Jacobs vs. The Mt. Union Water Co.
Andrew P. Simpson vs. Eliza H. Green.
The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ex. rel. R. S. Seeds vs. John H. Gates, who was and is a Supervisor of Warriorsmark township, Huntingdon county.
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Alex. Wike vs. W. H Wolverton.
Samuel Rupp vs. W. B. Miller.
Adam Morningstar vs. John W. Snyder.
W. J. Miller vs. Mrs. Ellen Farrell.
Pittsburg White Sand Co. vs. J. P. Dorton.
Jas. D. Edwards vs. Emma Edwards.

Second Week, Second Monday, 9th Day.

Marice Beck vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Co.
James Barnes vs. Geo. L. Smith et al.
James Barnes vs. Geo. L. Smith et al.
The William H. Moudy Manufacturing Co. vs. The Pennsylvania Railroad Co.
Rebecca M. Stewart vs. The Pennsylvania Railroad Co.
Daniel Snyder vs. The borough of Mt. Union.
Thos. J. Roles vs. J. F. Trexler.
J. F. Trexler et al. vs. J. Murray Africa et al.
Robert L. Mosby vs. Jacob Cutshall.
Micheal Noble vs. The American Lime and Stone Co.
Gotto Letterio vs. The American Lime and Stone Co.
Elizabeth G. Royer vs. The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn.
A. Guy Myton vs. Wm. Reed.
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for use Grant Stallman et al. vs. W. H. Stallman et al.
Franklin and Marshall College, Eastern Synod, Lancaster, Pa.; Mercersburg College, Potomac Synod, Chambersburg, Pa.; Juniata Collegiate Institution, Martinsburg, Blair county, Pa.; Allentown Female college, Allentown, Pa.; Eastern Theological Seminary, Eastern Synod, Lancaster, Pa.; Foreign Mission, General Synod, Harrisburg, Pa.; Home Mission (Joint Synod Eastern Pittsburg and Potomac) Harrisburg, Pa.; Beneficiary Education, Potomac Synod, Mercersburg, Pa.; Society for relief of Ministers, General Synod, Boonsborough, Md.; Girls School, Sendai, Japan; Young Men's School, Yamagata, Japan; St. Paul's Orphan Home, Pittsburg Synod, 304 Wood street, Pittsburg, Pa.; Bethany Orphan Home, Eastern Synod, Philadelphia, Pa.; Missions among the Indians, Synod of the Northwest, Kiel Manitowoc county, Wis., and Reformed Orphan Home, Synod of the Northwest, Fort Wayne, Ind., vs. Barbara Wilson.
Ludwig Whetstine vs. George S. Gerlach.
B. S. Rumberger vs. The Penn'a Railroad Co.

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